

Historic Environment (Wales) Bill

Rural Proofing Checklist

Division/Unit	Cadw
Policy/Programme/Initiative to be rural proofed	Historic Environment (Wales) Bill
Key Contact	Historic Environment (Wales) Bill Team

	Policy Question	Yes	No	Comment
1.	Will your policy affect the availability of other public and private services in the rural area?		X	The policy does not impact on goods or services. The Bill is mostly technical and procedural. The aim is to improve the protection of the historic environment; increase accountability and transparency; and streamline and improve the sustainable management of historic assets.
2.	Could you deliver the policy you are proposing to implement through existing service outlets? E.g. schools, banks and GP surgeries		X	The Bill will not introduce any new service.
3.	Will there be an extra cost to delivering your policy to rural areas?		X	Some of the proposals in the Bill will have greater impact in rural areas. One proposal is to extend the definition of an ancient monument and an impact assessment has been prepared for this aspect of policy, and the number of sites identified has been small, in the region of 30 across Wales. The 1979 Act already makes provision for class consents which cover agricultural, horticultural and forestry work of the same kind as has been carried out at the monument over the preceding 6 years. Therefore the impact on work practices is likely to be small.
4.	Will the policy affect travel needs or the ease and cost of travel for rural communities?		X	There are no travel needs associated with the provisions of the Bill.
5.	Does the policy rely on communicating information to clients?	X		Yes – the implementation of the Bill will rely on communicating information. Information on statutorily designated and registered sites will be available on a publically

				accessible website. During the consultation period on new designations, access to the website will be important. In addition to this, easily accessible information on sites that are designated as scheduled monuments will assist in dealing with unauthorised works. An awareness raising exercise with owners of scheduled monuments will taken forward prior to implementation.
6.	Will the policy be delivered through the private sector or through a public-private partnership?		X	Any delivery will be through Cadw or by providing powers to LPAs. The LPAs will be able to discharge the historic environment record duty to another organisation and we would expect that the majority will discharge this duty through the Welsh archaeological trusts.
7.	Does the policy rely on infrastructure for delivery that may put rural communities at a disadvantage? E.g. Broadband ICT, main roads and utilities	X		Information will need to be accessible on line, this is particularly important when a building or a monument is being considered for designation, and if any unauthorised works has been carried out on a scheduled ancient monument. Internet access will be required to interrogate this information.
8.	Will the policy impact on rural businesses particularly the self employed and micro businesses and on the Third Sector including social enterprises and local voluntary organisations?		X	There is a proposal to extend the definition of a scheduled ancient monument which could impact on landowners in rural areas. An impact assessment has been undertaken and it is envisaged that only a small number of additional sites will be scheduled in Wales – and unlikely to be arable land.
9.	Will the policy have a particular impact on land based industries and therefore on rural economies and the environment?	X		One of the aims of the Bill is to protect historic assets, and one provision will extend the definition of a scheduled monument, in addition provisions will improve the enforcement powers of Welsh Ministers over unauthorised works to scheduled monuments. These will improve the environment; however extending the definition of a scheduled monument will introduce some restriction on land use.

10.	Will the policy affect those on low wages or in part-time or seasonal employment?		X	
11.	Will the policy target disadvantaged people living in rural areas?		X	
12.	Will the policy rely on local organisations for delivery?		X	
13.	Does the policy depend on a new building or development site?		X	
14.	Will the policy impact on the quality and character of the natural and built rural landscape?	X		The aim of the Bill is to improve protection for the historic environment, streamline and improve the sustainable management of historic assets and increase accountability and transparency. The proposals as a package should enhance the quality and character of the historic environment ensuring that what is of national interest / significance is protected for future generations.
15.	Will the policy impact on people wishing to reach and use the countryside as a place for recreation and enjoyment?	X		The on-line resources should assist people to understand the countryside when visiting and respect the historic environment in their area.