

Dear

ATISN 19692 – National Development Framework (NDF)

Thank you for your request which you sent on 19th June.

You asked:

In a WG Consultation Report Summary (WG40442) it states: "we wrote directly to hundreds of public bodies, businesses, organisations & members of the public to notify them of the consultation".

Can you:

1. Supply a breakdown of the numbers to each group stated above, and why those members of the public? Were they registered to receive information updates on the NDF or another reason, and if so what was that reason?
2. If possible, supply a copy of what was actually sent?

Our response

The information below is the best available to answer your enquiry.

1. The NDF Newsletter (see Appendix 1) was sent to 745 recipients who were subscribers to the newsletter. We do not have a breakdown of the types of subscribers.

An NDF process engagement database which included 1672 contacts was created during the NDF preparation. The contacts on this list are likely to overlap with organisations and individuals who subscribed to the NDF Newsletter. The engagement database contained contact details of organisations and interested parties including private individuals who expressed an interest to be notified of engagement opportunities. The database breaks down as follows:

- Private individuals - 331 (19.8%)
- Business and Infrastructure - 248 (14.83%)
- Other (eg.third sector) - 371 (22.1%)
- Local Authority and Public Body – 597 (35.7%)
- Professional and Umbrella bodies – 77 (4.6%)
- Unknown – 4 (0.2%)

There was extensive publicity and engagement supporting NDF preparation as set out in the [National Development Framework Involvement and Engagement Plan](#), which summarises how stakeholders were informed of NDF progress. In addition, a letter was sent to local authorities and other government bodies. Posters were delivered to public libraries and drop-in sessions were organised (see list in Appendix 1 newsletter below). Various media outlets ran stories publicising the consultation. The then Minister's twitter feed was also used to disseminate information. The [National Development Framework statement of public participation](#) describes the NDF preparation process and when stakeholders could engage.

Publicity and engagement events directed organisations and individuals to the Welsh Government web site where the consultation documents could be viewed and downloaded for completion. There is a breakdown of sectors for those who responded to the draft NDF consultation and this can be viewed in the [Consultation Summary Report](#) available on the Welsh Government web site. This states that of 1088 responses:

- Private individuals – 69% (751)
- Business and Industry – 12% (130)
- Local Government – 8% (87)
- Public Bodies – 3% (32)
- Other – 8% (87)

All consultation documents and individual responses broken down by sector are available [here](#).

2. Please see the NDF Newsletter in Appendix 1.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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CF10 3NQ

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Welsh Government National Development Framework for Wales



Draft NDF published for consultation

The draft NDF has been published for [consultation](#). The consultation will run until 1 November 2019.

Alongside the full document there is an easy-read version and a summary for young people. We have produced a short explanatory leaflet and there are full and summary versions of the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal and a full Habitats Regulations Assessment report.

It would be helpful if you can promote this consultation through your networks.

We could not have reached this stage without the help of many individuals and organisations. Many thanks to everyone.

Come and talk to us about the draft NDF

If you would like an opportunity to talk to us about the draft NDF, we will be holding [drop-in sessions](#) in late September and early October, in Aberystwyth, Bangor, Cardiff, Carmarthen, Colwyn Bay, Llandrindod Wells, Merthyr Tydfil, Milford Haven, Newport, Newtown, Swansea and Wrexham.

You are very welcome to come along but please note these sessions are subject to demand and you will have to book your slot. If you would like more information, or to book a slot, please get in [touch](#).

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ABOUT

The Planning Directorate is working on the production of the first National Development Framework (NDF). The NDF will set out a 20 year land use framework for Wales.

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