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Regards

Mandy

Mandy Evans
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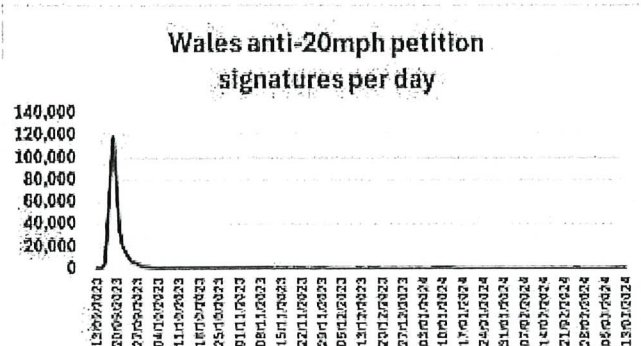
Hyderwn fod pethau'n setlo i lawr gyda'ch terfynau cyflymder 20mya. Roedd y newid i'r terfyn cyflymder diodyn cenedlaethol i 20mya ar 17 Medi 2023 yn gam enfawr ymlaen o ran creu manau gwell i fyw, llesiant a diogelwch ar y ffyrdd i gymunedau ledled Cymru. O ganlyniad, mae'r rhan fwyaf o strydoedd mewn ardaloedd trefol a phentrefi yng Nghymru bellach yn 20mya.

Hello

Thanks for 20: Update on Welsh speed limit review from 20's Plenty for your council

We trust that things are settling down with your 20mph speed limits. The change to the national default speed limit to 20mph on 17th September 2023 was a huge step forward in liveability, wellbeing and road safety for communities across Wales. As a result, most streets in urban areas and villages in Wales are now 20mph. Results so far show that speeds have slowed – by about 4mph on free-

Mae'r canlyniadau hyd yma yn dangos bod cyflymderau wedi arafu – tua 4mya ar ffyrdd sy'n llifo'n rhwydd – gyda llai o sŵn a llygredd a mwy o bobl yn teimlo'n barod i deithio ar droed. Rydym ar ddeall bod llai o ddamweiniau wedi bod, er ei bod yn anoddach eu mesur ar hyn o bryd.



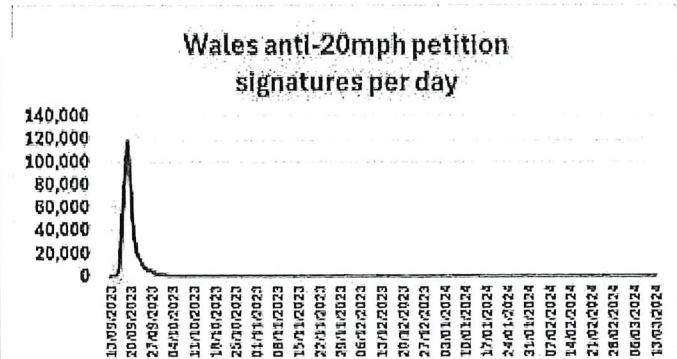
Yn ôl y disgwyl, roedd rhywfaint o wrthwynebiad llafar a rhai anghysondebau wrth newid cymaint o ffyrdd ar yr un pryd. Roedd bron pob llofnod (97%) ar ddeiseb y Senedd yn erbyn y terfyn 20mya diodyn yn ystod pythefnos cyntaf y gweithredu tra bod llawer o'r arwyddion yn cael eu newid. Erbyn mis Chwefror 2024 dim ond 16 llofnod y dydd oedd yn cael eu hychwanegu ar draws Cymru gyfan:
https://www.20splenty.org/w_faq08.

Roedd adolygiad o'r canllawiau i awdurdodau lleol ar osod eithriadau gan Weinidog Trafnidiaeth Cymru yn rhywbeth oedd wedi'i gynllunio. Tra bod y gweinidogion newydd yn dod â phersbectif newydd, mae 20 yn Ddigon yn falch o weld nad oes unrhyw newid i'r terfyn cyflymder 20mya diodyn cenedlaethol. Yn ogystal â'r posibilrwydd y gallai'r canllawiau newydd arwain at derfynau cyflymder ar rai strydoedd yn cynyddu gan 50%, o 20mya i 30mya, mae'n bosibl hefyd y bydd rhai strydoedd 30mya a oedd wedi'u heithrio'n flaenorol yn troi'n 20mya.

Credwn fod y mwyafrif helaeth o'ch trigolion am gadw eu stryd 20mya ac y bydd rhai sy'n byw ar strydoedd sy'n dal i fod yn 30mya am i'r terfyn gael ei ostwng i 20mya. Mae'n bosibl hefyd y bydd rhai manau lle mae anghenion diogelwch defnyddwyr ffyrdd sy'n agored i niwed yn cael eu diwallu mor dda fel y gallai 30mya fod yn ddiogel.

Nid oes gan Lywodraeth Cymru unrhyw bŵer i osod terfynau cyflymder unigol, ac eithrio ar y ffyrdd strategol y mae'n eu rheoli'n uniongyrchol. Eich cyngor lleol chi, fel yr Awdurdod Priffyrdd, sydd â'r pŵer a'r cyfrifoldeb i osod terfyn lleol

flowing roads – with less noise and pollution and more people feel willing to travel on foot. We understand that there have been fewer crashes, although these are harder to gauge at this stage.



As expected, there was some vocal opposition and some anomalies in changing so many roads at once. Almost all signatures (97%) on the Senedd petition against the 20mph default were in the first two weeks of implementation while many of the signs were being changed. By February 2024, just 16 additional signatures were being added a day across the whole of Wales:
https://www.20splenty.org/w_faq08.

The review by the Welsh Transport Minister of the guidance to local authorities on setting exceptions was always planned. While the new ministers bring a fresh perspective, 20's Plenty is pleased to see that there is no change to the national default 20mph speed limit. As well as the possibility that the new guidance might lead to speed limits on some streets increasing by 50% from 20mph to 30mph, it may also be that some previously excepted 30mph streets will become 20mph.

We believe that the vast majority of your residents want to keep their 20mph street and that some living on streets that are still 30mph will want them to go down to 20mph. There may also be a few places where the safety needs of vulnerable road users are so well catered for that 30mph may be safe.

The Welsh Government has no power to set individual speed limits, other than on the strategic roads that they directly manage. It is your local council that has the power and responsibility to set a local limit that is different from the national 20mph default.

The Welsh Government has set up a website where changes can be suggested:
<https://www.gov.wales/give-feedback-roads-20mph-speed-limit>. All suggestions must include reasons for a change. We believe that this process ignores the views of vast majority of Welsh people who,

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sy'n wahanol i'r terfyn 20mya diofyn cenedlaethol.

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi sefydlu gwefan lle gellir awgrymu newidiadau:
<https://www.gov.wales/give-feedback-roads-20mph-speed-limit>. Rhaid i bob awgrym gynnwys rhesymau dros newid. Credwn fod y broses hon yn anwybyddu barn y mwyafrif llethol o bobl Cymru sydd, er nad ydynt yn cytuno â phob terfyn cyflymder, yn eu derbyn ac yn croesawu buddion cyffredinol y terfyn 20mya diofyn.

Beth i'w wneud

Fel Cyngor Tref a Chymuned, mae hwn yn gyfle enfawr i chi gymeradwyo'r terfyn 20mya diofyn cenedlaethol a dangos bod cymunedau ledled Cymru yn dweud bod "20 yn Ddigon", drwy:

- Gysylltu â ni am gymorth os yw eich awdurdod lleol yn bwriadu cynyddu'r terfyn cyflymder ar stryd benodol y mae eich cymuned yn ei gwerthfawrogi fel un 20mya, neu os ydych yn credu bod ffordd wedi'i heithrio'n anghywir ar 30mya.
- E-bostio eich cefnogaeth i'ch Awdurdod Lleol ac aelodau'r Senedd - <https://senedd.wales/find-a-member-of-the-senedd/>, yn benodol ken.skates@senedd.wales, Ysgrifennydd Trafnidiaeth Llywodraeth Cymru.
- Prynu sticeri a baneri yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg yn <https://www.20splenty.org/wresources> a'u dosbarthu i'ch trigolion i'w harddangos a dangos cefnogaeth ar gyfer 20mya.
- Darllen ein Cwestiynau Cyffredin am Gymru https://www.20splenty.org/w_faqs yn enwedig y newidiadau o ran canllaw https://www.20splenty.org/w_faq09.
- E-bostio wales@20splenty.org neu ffonio Anna ar 07572120439 i gael cyngor gan 20 yn Ddigon i Ni.

Diolch

Anna Semlyen, Adrian Berendt, Rod King a thîm 20 yn Ddigon i Ni

while not agreeing with every speed limit, do accept them and welcome the overall benefits of the 20mph default.

What to do

As a Town and Community Council, this is a huge opportunity for you to endorse the national default 20mph limit and show that communities across Wales are saying "20's Plenty", by:

- Contacting us for help if your local authority proposes increasing the speed limit on a particular street which your community values at 20mph, or you believe a road was wrongly excepted at 30mph.
- Emailing your support to your Local Authority and members of Senedd - <https://senedd.wales/find-a-member-of-the-senedd/>, in particular ken.skates@senedd.wales, the Welsh Government Transport Secretary.
- Buying stickers and banners in English or Cymraeg at <https://www.20splenty.org/wresources> and distributing them to your residents to display and show support for 20mph.
- Reading our Frequently Asked Questions on Wales https://www.20splenty.org/w_faqs especially the guidance changes https://www.20splenty.org/w_faq09.
- Emailing wales@20splenty.org or calling Anna on 07572120439 for advice from 20's Plenty for Us.

Thank you

Anna Semlyen, Adrian Berendt, Rod King and the 20's Plenty for Us team

Consultation Response Form

WG Number: WG48598



Welsh Government

Consultation response form

Consultation on Securing a Sustainable Future: Environmental Principles, Governance and Biodiversity targets for a Greener Wales

Date of issue: 30 January 2024

Action required: Responses by 30 April 2024

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth a galwadau ffôn yn Gymraeg / We welcome correspondence and telephone calls in Welsh

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Overview

This White Paper sets out proposals for a Bill to cover three key areas and invites views from interested parties:

- I. Embedding environmental principles into Welsh law;
- II. Environmental Governance, including the establishment of an environmental governance body for Wales; and
- III. A statutory targets framework to protect and restore biodiversity in Wales

How to respond

Please respond by completing the online form or completing this questionnaire and sending it to: environmental.governance@gov.wales

If you intend to respond in writing, please send completed forms to:

Land, Nature and Forestry
Climate Change Division
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

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The Welsh Government will be data controller for any personal data you provide as part of your response to the consultation. Welsh Ministers have statutory powers they will rely on to process this personal data which will enable them to make informed decisions about how they exercise their public functions. Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about or planning future consultations. Where the Welsh Government undertakes further analysis of consultation responses then this work may be commissioned to be carried out by an accredited third party (e.g., a research organisation or a consultancy company). Any such work will only be undertaken under contract. Welsh Government's standard terms and conditions for such contracts set out strict requirements for the processing and safekeeping of personal data.

In order to show that the consultation was carried out properly, the Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then redact them before publishing.

You should also be aware of our responsibilities under Freedom of Information legislation.

If your details are published as part of the consultation response then these published reports will be retained indefinitely. Any of your data held otherwise by Welsh Government will be kept for no more than three years.

Confidentiality

Responses to consultations may be made public on the internet or in a report.

If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

Name		
Are you responding as an individual or as an organisation?	Individual	
	Organisation	X
Please give the name of the organisation you are responding on behalf of (if applicable)	One Voice Wales	
Are you or your organisation based in Wales?	Yes	X
	No	
Email address	lcardwallader@onevoicewales.wales	
Post Code	SA18 3AF	

If responding on behalf of an organisation, please indicate which of these bests represent your organisation (please select only one)	Umbrella organisation	X
	Public Sector	
	Individual business	
	Third Sector/ Charity	
	Trade Union/Representative	
	Research/Academia	
	Individual	
	Other	

Do you or your organisation have a specific involvement in any of the primary sector fields (please select all that apply)?	Agriculture	
	Fishing	
	Forestry	
	Mining & Minerals	
	Water	
	Gas & Electricity	

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Do you or your organisation have a specific involvement in any of the emissions sectors (please select all that apply)?	Energy and Heat Generation	
	Transport	
	Residential Buildings	
	Industry and Business	
	Agriculture	
	Forestry and Land Use	
	Waste Management	
	Public Sector	
	None of the above/not applicable	X

Does your organisation have a specific focus on any of the following (please select all that apply)?	Skills	
	Health	
	Sustainability	
	Poverty alleviation	
	Age (e.g., youth, older people)	
	Disability	
	Gender reassignment	
	Marriage and civil partnerships	
	Pregnancy and maternity	
	Race	
	Religion or belief	
	Sexual orientation	
	Welsh language	
	None of the above/not applicable	X

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If you are responding as an individual, do you identify as Welsh speaking?	Yes	
	No	

If you responding as an individual, what age bracket are you in?	Under 18	
	18-34	
	35-49	
	50-64	
	65+	

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Questions

Part A – Environmental Principles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EP1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals relating to the preparation of guidance that will explain how the environmental principles are intended to be interpreted? 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EP2: The Welsh Government proposes to place a duty on Welsh Ministers to have due regard to the environmental principles and accompanying guidance during the development of their policies and legislation. To what extent to you agree or disagree with this approach. 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EP3: Do you have any views on whether a separate duty should be placed on Welsh public bodies (other than the Welsh Ministers) to apply the principles and accompanying guidance? If you consider the duty should apply to Welsh public bodies, please set out in the text box below which Welsh public bodies and why, as well as any views you have on how the duty should apply to those bodies. 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

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If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

We are concerned that placing any additional reporting duty on C&TCs could incur a disproportionate burden. The sector is incredibly varied with small rural councils of only 200 households to larger Town Councils with over 50,000 households and full-time staff. The monitoring and reporting mechanisms need to be proportionate to the capacity and size of individual C&TCs.

- **EP4: Do you have any additional comments relating to the Welsh Government's intention to embed the environmental principles and overarching objective into Welsh law that are not captured in your answers to the above questions?**

Appropriate resources and revenue funding would need to be made available to allow public bodies meet the Biodiversity targets.

Part B Establishing an Environmental Governance Body for Wales

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB1 - To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed purpose and objectives for the new Welsh environmental governance body? 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB2: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the governance body's proposed strategy and reporting requirements? 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- GB3: We propose that the remit of the governance body should apply to the Welsh Ministers and the relevant Welsh public authorities exercising environmental functions Wales listed in Annex 2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
				X

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

We agree that the remit should apply to Local Authorities and larger public bodies. We disagree strongly that Community and Town councils (C&TCs) should be included in the list in Annexe 2. C&TCs are largely run by part time Clerks and Councillors who are unpaid representatives of their communities who often have other paid employment. C&TCs are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit new Cllrs and Clerks with numerous vacancies across the sector. Any further burden on C&TCs would be disproportionate to their size, role and responsibilities. C&TCs are already subject to statutory Section 6 duty and have made a significant contribution to the biodiversity agenda through this mechanism.

If annexe 2 is adopted, then we would strongly recommend that a threshold for compliance is implemented A suitable and appropriate cut-off could be based on a Council's annual precept, such as with the current Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (2015).

Most community councils in Wales are small, with low to modest income, and with one member of staff, often part-time. The precept can be less than £10,000 in some cases and the council will have no assets or land. There is already a duty on these councils under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to report every three years on how they are meeting biodiversity targets. The requirements of the 2016 Act are not intended to be burdensome and should be proportionate to the size and type of each organisation. Organisations are encouraged to identify their own ways of reporting, ideally as part of their usual reporting mechanisms and the only requirement in terms of the Act is that it must be published. It is suggested that this method of reporting is commensurate with the sector and is likely to result in a more positive response than the proposed changes in this consultation. Additional duties would be another burden on a sector which is already overstretched and has been subject to additional duties in the last few years. It is suggested that the requirements of the 2016 Act are sufficient for the sector whilst not limiting the ability of those councils with the resources to do more, Any additional requirements would result in the need for additional training and hours for Clerks, possibly affecting council precepts and staff retention, which is already a problem in the sector.

- **GB4: Are there any other public authorities, or private bodies exercising functions of a public nature, that you think should be added to (or removed from) the list in Annex 2? Please use the text box below to explain your answer.**

All public utilities and bodies operating within Wales even when based outside of Wales should be subject to the same legislation and statutory duties as those listed in annex 2. The Trunk road agency should be included on both proposed lists.

- **GB5: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed scope and role for the governance body in relation to monitoring and reporting, including the scrutiny of statutory targets?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- **GB6: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed scope and role of the governance body's advisory functions?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- GB7: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the suggested approach for managing complaints and representations**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- GB8: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals to enable the body to investigate?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- GB9: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Welsh Government's proposed process for formally handling non-compliance through compliance notices and court or tribunal procedures?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- GB10: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Welsh Government's proposal to include improvement reports / plans as an enforcement stage to provide space for resolution where systemic issues are evident, and a compliance notice is not considered the optimal mechanism to address the issue.**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB11: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal for the governance body to, by exception, be able to apply for judicial review and / or intervene in civil proceedings 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GB12: The Welsh Government consider financial penalties would be an ineffective and, in some cases, counterproductive method by which to remedy the non-compliance of Welsh public authorities with environmental law. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this position? 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- **GB13: Our preferred model for the governance body is a 'Commission', but consider alternative models, such as an arms-length body, could provide similar benefits. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this approach?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- **GB14: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Welsh Government's approach in respect of appointing members and allocating resources to the governance body?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- **GB15: Are there any other views you would like to provide in relation to our proposals to set up a governance body?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
		X		

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

Part C: Targets for the Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity

- **BT1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the inclusion within the Bill of the Wales Nature Recovery Framework proposed in the paper?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	X			

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

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• **BT2: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the inclusion within the Bill of the statutory nature positive headline target: ‘to reverse the decline in biodiversity with an improvement in the status of species and ecosystems by 2030 and their clear recovery by 2050’.**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	X			

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

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• **BT3: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to include a duty that the Welsh Ministers must set statutory biodiversity targets in secondary legislation?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

Any targets will need to be achievable and must be informed by consultation and evidence from the Wales Biodiversity Partnership. Any targets set should follow community engagement and proper consultation with stakeholders and inform robust action plans and appropriate resources provided.

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BT4: Potential suite of supporting targets, to underpin the headline target, are likely to be:

- **Species – distribution abundance and extinction risk;**
- **Habitat – protection, management and restoration; and**
- **Ecosystem health and resilience – recognising the key role and contribution of ecosystems**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the key areas proposed for the biodiversity targets to be introduced in secondary legislation in the Wales Nature Recovery Framework?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- **BT5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Natural Resources Wales reports on the biodiversity targets as part of the State of Natural Resources Report?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

- **BT6. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Welsh Ministers publish a statement, before the Senedd, to report whether the statutory biodiversity targets have been met by the date specified in regulation?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

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- BT7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that Welsh Ministers be required to produce a statutory long term Wales Nature Recovery Strategy, outlining the approach to delivery of the statutory targets as well as the Welsh Government's response to the Global Biodiversity Framework?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

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- BT8. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Wales Nature Recovery Action Plan sets out a detailed programme of work required to deliver the statutory biodiversity targets?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

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- BT9. To what extent do you agree or disagree that there should be a duty on public authorities which requires them to contribute to the delivery of the statutory biodiversity targets?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
X				

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

There should be a recognition of the varied contribution to the delivery of the targets which is reflective of the varied size and capacity of the sector. C&TCs would welcome opportunities to work in partnership with larger public bodies to deliver these statutory targets but it must be recognised that not all Community Councils would have the capacity and resources to enable them to fully meet a statutory duty as is proposed for the Annexe 2 public bodies list.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BT10. To what extent do you agree or disagree that named public authorities should produce a Local Nature Recovery Action Plan to outline local action and priorities for delivery of the statutory biodiversity targets? 				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	X			

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

C&TCs are well placed to make significant impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem resilience. The sector has had a big impact under its existing statutory duty in accordance with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Section 6 reporting duty and Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs) have given the sector an agency for change by working in partnership with the LNP networks and other organisations in their communities.

We do not agree that C&TCs should be required to prepare and publish NRAPs. We strongly believe that the production and implementation of a Local NRP should remain with the Local Nature Partnership in each area, and are committed where possible to working with the LNP and LA to help them deliver their targets under their NRAP and through the mechanism of the Section 6 duty. To be able to effectively achieve this the sector will require resources and access to support, advice and expertise. Any statutory requirements must recognise the diverse nature and scale of C&TCs across Wales and the range of services they offer.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BT11. Please indicate whether you would prefer the duties proposed in this section to apply to: 	
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a) List of Welsh public authorities has been included at Annex 2	
b) The shorter list of Welsh public authorities included at Annex 6	X

If you would like to explain your answer, please use the text box below.

We do not believe it is appropriate to include C&TCs in the list of public bodies that will be required to produce an NRAP. The sector is committed to working in partnerships with larger public bodies to achieve NRAP objectives locally. It is important that C&TCs are included on Local Nature Partnerships in particular as it gives a voice to smaller rural councils.

Are there any other views you would like to provide in relation to the proposals in this White paper?

We support the Annex 6 list of public bodies but would like to see all public bodies from the longer list Annex 2 being considered as statutory consultees and given opportunities to be involved in the Biodiversity target setting and application.

We would like to see the public bodies currently excluded from the Biodiversity legislation (Annexe 2 and 6) to be included so everyone in Wales is working together.

We would be keen to see a continuity in targets which have been used as a framework for improvements under the Section 6 duty known as 'The Modest Measures'. Many C&TCs have been successfully working towards these targets in partnership with their LNP networks to restore, create and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience and build on the successes already achieved.

A large number of smaller community councils are punching above their weight with the biodiversity agenda and these Councils need the resources to build skills to continue this. Support from organisations is needed to build this capacity. This extra capacity and support will allow Councils to deliver on the priorities, this will require training, funding, and support from Welsh Government.

As a sector we fully support these proposals but in order to be achieved there must be the resources behind them to be successful.

An Open Letter to Abengete Town Council
Re Abengete Community Centre.

I felt the need to express a thank you to some members of Abengete Town Council who have formed a "Trust" to save the Community Centre.

We know it is no easy matter to balance finance and yet preserve the building for further use of the community but nevertheless I commend the decision to change course.

This is a positive way forward rather than the negatives of permanent closure and the community being deprived of the use of this building.

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Once again a thank you to those concerned in bringing about such an improved way forward.

It never did need miracles only a different mind set and a plan like this one, a proper plan and the will to implement it on our behalf.

Why is it a disted building? because it is worth preservation as is the community spirit it embodies

ATC Deputy Clerk

From: ATC Clerk
Sent: 02 June 2024 13:01
To: ATC Deputy Clerk
Cc: ATC Assistant Clerk
Subject: FW: Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre, Pensarn

Importance: High

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Hi Ryan

Can you add this to your next GP&P Agenda and ask members if they are happy for the Council to approve. In the meantime could you draft a letter of support ready to go out to them once approved.

Many thanks

Mandy

Mandy Evans
Clerc y Dref/Town Clerk
Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

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Hi Mandy and Fiona,

I hope you are both well. Could I please ask you a favour??

We currently have some funding applications being completed in order to provide funding for Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre and to help protect its future over the coming few years.

A member of staff from the Diocese of St Asaph is dealing with these applications and he has asked me if it would be possible for me to request if Abergele Town Council could possibly email a letter to me, supporting the work that takes place at Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre - basically we need to prove that there is "community support" for CDSC.

As I know you will understand, as a self-funding charity our income is based on room hire charges - we do our very best to keep these as affordable as possible, but with the ever rising cost of utilities, it is essential that CDSC receives extra funding in order that we can continue to do our best in supporting the needs of the communities of Pensarn, Abergele and Belgrano.

Any help you can provide by emailing a letter of support would be VERY gratefully received. Diolch yn fawr, thank you very much.

With very kind regards,

Theresa

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Ein cyf/Our ref KSNWT/20mph

To: Town and Community Councils
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government & Planning

05 June 2024

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to encourage you to get involved in our listening programme on 20mph. This has been a really challenging period for transport in Wales and I recognise that councils have been at the frontline through some incredibly turbulent times.

As we have always acknowledged with a change of this scale, we were not going to get the speed limits on all restricted roads right from the start. We now want to support all highway authorities to get the right speed on the right roads and achieve more consistency across Wales on which roads should have a 30mph limit.

Against that backdrop, it is not surprising that some colleagues are cautious about reigniting the debate on 20mph at a time when it was beginning to calm down in some parts of Wales. I absolutely recognise those concerns and genuinely welcome that constructive criticism and challenge.

I want to build from the consensus that 20mph is right around schools, hospitals and in built up residential areas. Through partnership working and by supporting highway authorities to make changes where it is right to do so, I believe we can absolutely make 20mph a success story for Wales.

However, we cannot escape the fact that 20mph has served to polarise the people and communities we serve. Against that background, I felt we should take a step back and listen to the views of everyone involved. I take full responsibility for that reset, and it is not a reflection on highway authorities who have worked so hard on the implementation of this policy over the past two years and more.

To support the National Listening Programme I have instigated, we have published a [webpage](#) to help signpost people towards the relevant highway authority where they want to feedback on specific speed limits. Your local knowledge and community engagement make you key partners in this process.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I encourage you to contact your local council, or the Welsh Government for trunk roads, about any roads or streets in your communities where you feel the speed limit has not been correctly applied. You can view a map of all Welsh trunk roads on [DataMapWales](#).

We want you to **let your highway authority know** if you think a specific road should:

- change from 20mph to 30mph
- change from 30mph to 20mph
- stay at 20mph

When giving feedback please:

- be clear and precise about which section of road you are talking about
- give reasons for your views

In my discussions so far, it has become clear that in many areas only a handful of changes will be made, whereas in other places, more roads are likely to revert to 30mph.

Through the drumbeat of regional meetings we are putting in place with the support of Transport for Wales, and with the help of the County Surveyors' Society Wales, we want to co-create a framework that supports highway authorities to make the right decisions for local roads – particularly when those calls are finely balanced.

That framework will be published before summer recess. After the summer break, we will continue to support highway authorities in the implementation phase of assessing roads, making of traffic regulation orders and finally in the implementation of changes on the ground. We acknowledge that it may take several months from September onwards before we see any changes on the ground.

My officials will then focus on prioritising guidance for other speed limits where people live.

To enable us all to focus fully on speed limits, we are pausing work on the development of a new Road Safety Strategy and pavement parking.

Yours sincerely



Ken Skates AS/MS

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Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport

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