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PLANNING POLICY WALES

Changes to Planning Policy Wales to support the requirement for travel plans for specific types of **DEVELOPMENT**

Consultation response form

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

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Guidance Note

When completing the questionnaire please clearly state if you support or oppose the question by marking 'Yes' or 'No' where indicated, or alternatively signal you are 'undecided'. If you wish to express further views please complete the comments box.

Q1. Do you agree that changing Planning Policy Wales will make TAs a more important consideration or should the Assembly Government amend Secondary Legislation to require them as part of the planning application documentation

Yes/No/Undecided

Yes

Comments

Transport problems have caused many problems in the past due to different and sometimes conflicting legislation. It would help for them to be part of the Planning system application but under the jurisdiction of the Highway Authority Development Plans.

Q2. Do you agree that planning policy should identify the types of development where Transport Assessments are expected?

Yes/No/Undecided

Generally Yes

Comments

This will help, however, sometimes even smaller units than the size proposed can cause highways and transport issues. Therefore, agree that other developments can also be included if necessary by the Highway Planning Team, however, caution should be exercised when doing this as it is likely to generate excessive requests..

Q3. Do you agree with the proposed thresholds for developments requiring Transport Assessments

Yes/No/Undecided

Yes

Comments

The threshold should not be any smaller given the onerous requirements for demand management, monitoring, etc. There is a perfectly good mechanism for smaller developments – The Transport Statement.

Q4. Do you agree that there is a need to integrate the evidence base between TAs and Design and Access Statements?

Yes/No/Undecided

Yes

Comments

Agree as transport and highway infrastructure can sometimes need other legislation to enable and ensure compliance. If not addressed at an early stage problems will arise later with the development.

Transport Hierarchy

Q5. Do you agree that Planning Policy Wales should promote a hierarchy of transport modes?

Yes/No/Undecided

No

Comments

In rural areas (most of North Wales) the geography and topography it is not conducive with walking and cycling. There are many areas where public transport is not available due to the lack of viable funding to run a service, therefore, the car must also be used and provided for.

Q6. Do you think that the proposed hierarchy will have any effect on site allocation and planning permission?

Yes/No/Undecided

Yes

Comments

It would have an effect in small Welsh towns and villages – stifling development. Any policy imposing transport modes could preclude some development areas and will have an effect on site allocations and subsequent planning permission. There are ways of mitigation to supply funding to enable all transport modes to be developed. Again must be linked to the Highways Development Plan and Local Transport Plans as necessary.