

Infrastructure 20, Design Commission for Wales

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Pwyllgor Newid Hinsawdd, yr Amgylchedd a Seilwaith | Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

Bil Seilwaith (Cymru) | Infrastructure (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan Comisiwn Dylunio Cymru | Evidence from Design Commission for Wales

General principles

What are your views on the general principles of the Bill, and is there a need for legislation to deliver the stated policy intention?

The Design Commission for Wales supports the creation of a unified consenting process for major infrastructure projects. Having a more straightforward consenting process will provide greater ease of understanding for the public and ease of use for applicants.

The Developments of National Significance (DNS) process has improved the consenting process for significant developments. In particular, the DNS process has provided greater certainty over the timescale of when decisions will be made. The Design Commission supports extending and improving this process for all major infrastructure projects.

Future Wales provides a strong policy framework for the determination of large-scale renewable energy development. The Design Commission for Wales is preparing design guidance to support the renewables energy policies in Future Wales. Further policy may be required to support the new consenting process for other infrastructure projects and the Design Commission can advise further on how such policy can promote good design.

Overall, the Design Commission supports the principle of the Bill.

What are your views on the Bill's provisions (set out according to parts below), in particular are they workable and will they deliver the stated policy intention?

Part 1 - Significant infrastructure projects

No response.

Part 2 - Requirement for infrastructure consent

No response.

Part 3 - Applying for infrastructure consent

No response.

Part 4 - Examining applications

No response.

Part 5 - Deciding applications for infrastructure consent

No response.

Part 6 - Infrastructure consent orders

No response.

Part 7 - Enforcement

No response.

Part 8 - Supplementary functions

No response.

Part 9 - General provisions

No response.

What are the potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions and how does the Bill take account of them?

No response.

How appropriate are the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum)?

No response.

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

No response.

What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial implications of the Bill as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum?

No response.

Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?

No response.
