

WALES SPATIAL PLAN
North West Wales Sustainable Development Advisory Group

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The NW Wales Spatial Plan Sustainable Development Advisory Group will provide a key vehicle in which to guide the future strategic direction of N W Wales within the framework of the Welsh Assembly Government's Environment Strategy and Action Plan for Wales. It will be supported by the key principles of:

1. Protecting and enhancing the environment for its own sake
2. Climate change adaptation/mitigation

The overall aim of the sub-group is:

1. Provide the sustainable development steer to the N W Wales Spatial Plan Groups (ministerial and officials) in line with the Welsh Assembly Government's Environment Strategy and other national and international requirements.
2. Promote and advise on identified strategic environmental interventions and opportunities to improve the social and economic wellbeing of people
3. Advise and guide the delivery of the N W Wales environmental priorities as set out in the updated WSP Area Statement (July 08)
4. Advise and recommend the N W Wales Spatial Plan, Officials and Ministerial Groups on the recommendations of relevant Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Sustainability Assessments (SAs).
5. Advise N W Wales Spatial Plan Groups on opportunities for integration and synergy of N W Wales strategic, tactical and project proposals to protect and enhance the environment.
6. Produce a map showing spatial environmental opportunities to support the strategic steer referred to in (1) and inform the actions in (2, 3 & 5).

COMPOSITION

The membership of the group will consist of representatives from the social, economic and voluntary sectors. Membership includes the following organisations/sectors:

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| Environment Agency Wales | |
| Countryside Council for Wales | |
| Voluntary sector/Wales Environment Link rep | |
| Wales Spatial Plan | |
| Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri | |
| Gwynedd Council Ynys Mon County Council Conwy County Borough Council | Economic Development Depts |
| RSPB | |
| Welsh Assembly Government | DE&T – Environment Manager |

Other members will be co-opted as required, with Task & Finish Groups appointed as and when deemed appropriate

NEXT STEPS:

- Identify and agree environmental priorities and opportunities for NW Wales, within the context of the Welsh Assembly Government's Strategies and building on priorities in other regional and local plans and strategies
- Agree specific environmental sensitivities/challenges for N W Wales and work with partners to negotiate an effective way of addressing them
- Advise on climate change adaptation / mitigation opportunities and challenges for N W Wales
- Advise, influence and make new proposals to the Area Delivery Framework, which is currently being developed

MEETINGS:

It is envisaged that meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis, although at times this may need to be revisited.