



Did you know?

Planning

Around 25,000 individual planning decisions, including 700 major projects, go through the planning system each year (2015 figures).

The majority of letters that we have received in 2017-18 relate to concerns about planning decisions.

People and communities tell us that they often feel that developments are imposed on them against their will and with little opportunity for involvement.

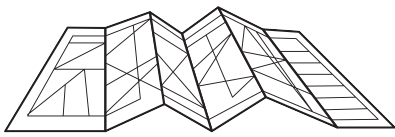
Whilst we recognise that planning decisions are often complex and polarising issues this suggests that public bodies might not be finding the best ways to communicate with the public in harnessing their vision and knowledge of their community.

A better, more adaptable and well thought out planning system will help prepare for a more diverse population and a greater ageing population, by supporting the integration of services, embedding social cohesion, and ensuring for example that sites of new housing ensure equality, access to the Welsh language and encourage a sense of belonging.



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The Facts



Wales' value of planning = £2.35 billion in 2016/17



The Circular Economy report estimated that by moving towards a circular economy within the built environment, we could add an additional £1 billion per annum into the economy, an increase 12.5% as well as generating up to 7,300 jobs.



Green Infrastructure can help combat mild and moderate depression and can be more cost-effective than traditional treatments, which could help Wales save the £16m it spends on the 3.8m anti-depressant prescriptions issued per year

The NHS could save £2.1bn a year if everyone had access to green spaces

The health benefits of living with a view of a green space are worth up to £300 per person per year