

Welsh Government, via: activetravel@wales.gsi.gov.uk

28 January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Designating settlements the Active Travel (Wales) Act will apply to -Response by Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on the above matter.

We work as a regulator, partner and advisor to businesses, non-governmental organisations, Local Authorities and communities to help deliver Welsh Government and European Union policies and priorities. We take an ecosystem approach to promoting sustainable development that delivers social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of Wales.

During the passage of the Bill and within Welsh Government advisory groups, NRW (and NRW's legacy bodies prior to April 2013) provided advice in relation to the general application of the legislation and designation of settlements. This included advice to the National Assembly's Business and Enterprise Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013, advice linked to NRW's work with the National Access Forum Wales meetings and the Welsh Government's advisory group meetings held during 2013.

We feel that our previous advice covers all the points we would wish to make on the matters raised in this consultation and we therefore have nothing further to add at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the following member of staff in Natural Resources Wales if you would like to discuss our views on this matter in more detail:

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Yours sincerely,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg Correspondence welcomed in Welsh and English

Annex 1

### **Consultation Response Form**

Your name: Jont Bulbeck

**Organisation (if applicable):** Natural Resources Wales

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# Q1. Do you agree that the Direction should list designated localities by name, or should the Direction specify a description of a designated locality?

No further response - see previous advice provided.

### Q2. If a description is more appropriate, what description should be used?

No further response - see previous advice provided.

Q3. Do you agree that the designated localities listed in Annex 1 are the best ones to use? Are there any that should be left out of the Direction, or more that should be added?

No further response – see previous advice provided.

# Q4. We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

No further response - see previous advice provided.

Responses to consultations may be made public – on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to be kept confidential, please tick here:

We understand that this response will be made public.

### Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales

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