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Dear Sir / Madam

### **Consultation on the *Active Travel (Wales) Bill***

The National Assembly for Wales' Enterprise and Business Committee is calling for evidence on the general principles of the ***Active Travel (Wales) Bill***.

#### **What is a Bill?**

Under Part 4 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 the National Assembly can pass laws in areas where it has legislative powers to do so.

When a proposal for a new law is introduced in the National Assembly, it is called a 'Bill'.

There is a four stage process for the consideration of a Bill. Stage 1 involves consideration of the general principles of the Bill by a committee (which includes the taking of written and oral evidence from interested parties and stakeholders), and the agreement of those general principles by the Assembly.

When a Bill is passed by the National Assembly and receives Royal Assent it becomes an 'Act of the Assembly'.

#### **What is the purpose of the *Active Travel (Wales) Bill*?**

The Active Travel (Wales) Bill places a requirement on local authorities to continuously improve facilities and routes for walkers and cyclists and to prepare maps identifying current and potential future routes for their use. The Bill will also require new road schemes to consider the needs of pedestrians and cyclists at design stage.

## **What does the Bill seek to achieve?**

According to the Welsh Government, the aim of the Bill is to enable more people to walk and cycle and generally travel by non-motorised transport. The Government is seeking to make walking and cycling the most natural and normal modes of travel. It is the Government's intention that this, in turn, will provide greater health benefits, as well as contribute to its wider aims of reducing Wales' greenhouse gas emissions, addressing poverty and disadvantage, and promoting sustainable economic growth.

## **What is the committee's role?**

The role of the committee is to consider and report on the general principles of the Bill. In doing so, the Committee has agreed to work within the following framework:

To consider:

- i) whether there is a need for a Bill to deliver the aim of enabling more people to walk and cycle and generally travel by non-motorised transport;
- ii) the key provisions set out in the Bill and whether they are appropriate to deliver the stated aim;
- iii) potential barriers to the implementation of the key provisions and whether the Bill takes account of them;
- iv) the financial implications of the Bill;
- iv) the level of detail provided on the face of the Bill compared to that which will be contained in future guidance.

Further details of the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found on the National Assembly's website at:

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=5750>

## **How you can help – the consultation questions**

The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its scrutiny of the Bill. In particular, we would welcome your views on the questions attached at **Annexe 1**.

The Committee welcomes contributions in Welsh and English.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to [enterprise.committee@wales.gov.uk](mailto:enterprise.committee@wales.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:

Kathryn Thomas, Deputy Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

**Submissions should arrive by Friday 5 April 2013. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.**

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list (Annexe 2). The Committee would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

## **Disclosure of information**

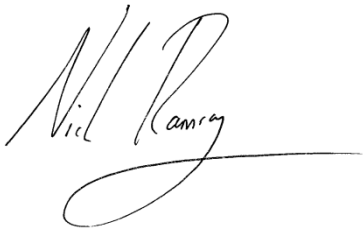
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If you have any queries, please contact Liz Wilkinson, Committee Clerk on 029 2089 8025 or Kathryn Thomas, Deputy Clerk on 029 2089 8101.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Ramsay'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right and then loops back under the name.

**Nick Ramsay AM**

## Consultation questions

1. Is there a need for a Bill aimed at enabling more people to walk and cycle and generally travel by non-motorised transport? Please explain your answer.

2. What are your views on the key provisions in the Bill, namely –

- the requirement on local authorities to prepare and publish maps identifying current and potential future routes for the use of pedestrians and cyclists (known as “existing routes maps” and “integrated network maps”) (sections 3 to 5);
- the requirement on local authorities to have regard to integrated network maps in the local transport planning process (section 6);
- the requirement on local authorities to continuously improve routes and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists (section 7);
- the requirement on highway authorities to consider the needs of pedestrians and cyclists when creating and improving new roads (section 8)

3. Have the provisions of the Bill taken account of any response you made to the Welsh Government’s consultation on its White Paper? Please explain your answer.

4. To what extent are the key provisions the most appropriate way of delivering the aim of the Bill?

5. What are the potential barriers to the implementation of the key provisions and does the Bill take account of them?

6. What are your views on the financial implications of the Bill (this could be for your organisation, or more generally)? In answering this question you may wish to consider Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum (the Impact Assessment), which estimates the costs and benefits of implementation of the Bill.

7. To what extent has the correct balance been achieved between the level of detail provided on the face of the Bill and that which will be contained in guidance given by the Welsh Ministers?

8. Are there any other comments you wish to make on the Bill that have not been covered in your response?

**Persons/Organisations to contact for written evidence:**

**\*Responded to the Welsh Government's White Paper on the Active Travel (Wales) Bill or attended stakeholder event**

**Local Government**

All Local Authorities in Wales	Regional Transport Consortia
One Voice Wales	Welsh Local Government Association

**Walking/Cycling**

Rhoscycling*	Dutch Cycling Embassy
BikeAbility Wales*	Ely Wheelies Cycling Group*
Cyclists Touring Club	European Cyclists Federation
Cyclecity Guides*	Offroad Cycling*
Campbell Coaching*	Pedal Power*
Cardiff Cycling Campaign*	Rainbow Community Enterprise Ltd*
Clyne Riders*	Ramblers Cymru*
CTC (National Cycling Charity)*	Sustrans*
Cycling Embassy of Great Britain*	Swansea and Gower Riders*
Cycling Projects*	Welsh Rights of Way Managers' Group*
Cycling Training Wales	Wheelrights*

**Transport**

AA	BayTrans*
ACT TravelWise*	Confederation of Passenger Transport

Campaign for Better Transport  
Cardiff Bus\*  
Capital Traffic Management Ltd\*  
Chartered Institute for Logistics  
and Transport\*  
Network Rail\*  
Passenger Transport Executive  
Group

Railway Paths Ltd\*  
Railfuture\*  
Transport for London  
Transport Research Laboratory\*  
Chartered Institute of Highways  
and Transportation\*

### **General health**

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg  
University Health Board\*  
British Medical Association  
Cymru\*  
Cardiff and Vale Public Health  
Team\*  
Journeys Towards Recovery\*  
Macmillan Cancer Support\*  
National Heart Forum\*

National Institute for Health and  
Clinical Excellence\*  
Public Health Wales\*  
Public Health of Cardiff and Vale  
University Health Board\*  
West Wales General Hospital\*  
Wrexham Healthy Eating and  
Being More Active Group\*

### **Environment**

Cambrian Mountain Society\*  
Canal and River Trust\*  
Council for National Parks  
Countryside Council for Wales\*  
Climate Change Commission  
Campaign for National Parks\*

Campaign for the Protection of  
Rural Wales\*  
Country Land and Business  
Association (CLA)\*  
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley  
AONB\*  
Environment Agency Wales\*

Friends of the Earth\*

Friends of the Pembrokeshire  
National Park\*

Green Party\*

Groundwork Wales\*

Keep Wales Tidy\*

Local Access Forums in Wales

Monmouthshire Environment  
Partnership\*

National Access Forum\*

National Park Authorities\*

National Trust

Newport Pembrokeshire Paths  
Group\*

Open Spaces Society\*

Redspearlands Footpath Group\*

RSPB Cymru\*

WWF Cymru\*

### **Consultancies**

Atkins Global\*

Cartwright Associates\*

Capita Symonds\*

Deryn Consulting\*

Halcrow Group Ltd\*

Inclusive Design for Getting  
Outdoors\*

M&G Barry Consulting\*

Phil Jones Associates\*

### **Professional bodies**

Institute of Civil Engineers Wales  
Cymru\*

Institute of Public Rights of Way  
and Access Management Ltd\*

RPTI Cymru\*

Royal Institute of Chartered  
Surveyors

### **Equalities, disabilities and children**

Age Alliance Wales\*

Age Cymru (formerly Age  
Concern Cymru)\*

Children in Wales\*

Children's Commissioner for  
Wales\*

Disability Wales\*

Diverse Cymru\*

Funky Dragon

Guide Dogs for the Blind\*

Play Wales

### **Health and safety**

Brake\*

Living Streets\*

Parliamentary Advisory Council  
for Transport Safety\*

RNIB Cymru\*

Youth Hostel Association

Youth Cymru\*

Royal Society for the Prevention  
of Accidents (ROSPA)\*

Health and Safety Executive

### **Academics and researchers**

Aberystwyth University\*

Cardiff University Business  
School\*

Cardiff University, Centre for the  
Development and Evaluation of  
Complex Interventions for  
Public Health Improvement  
(DECIPHer)\*

Sustainable Mobilities Research Group\*

Centre for Regeneration  
Excellence\*

Lancaster University\*

Swansea University

The Law Society

University of East London,

### **Others**

Barry Island Primary School

British Driving Society (carriage  
driving association)\*

British Horse Society\*

Bron Afon Community Housing\*

BT Cymru\*

Communities First\*

Equestrian Wales\*

NAHT Cymru\*

North Wales Association of  
Town and Larger Community  
Councils\*

North Wales Housing\*

NUT Cymru\*

Police Authorities in Wales

Royal Mail \*

Visit Wales\*

Wales Social Partners Unit