

Government Response: *The Infrastructure Consent (Compulsory Acquisition) (Wales) Regulations 2025*

Technical Scrutiny point 1:

The Welsh Government is grateful to the committee for identifying the incorrect reference to regulation 16 in the definition of “additional interested person”. The Welsh Government accepts the point and will amend the S.I. via an amending S.I. to correct the cross-reference prior to the coming into force of the instrument on 15 December 2025.

The Welsh Government is of the view that the references to regulations 5 and 7 are correct in the definition. The notification under regulation 5 is a one-off duty that occurs when the application is initially proposed, regulation 7 is a continuing duty during the pre-application period. It is important that at any time in the process where additional interested persons are identified that the correct consultation and publicity is carried out. The reference to both regulations make this clear.

Technical Scrutiny points 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8:

The Welsh Government accepts the points and will amend the S.I., via an amending S.I. to address the identified issues prior to the coming into force of the Regulations on 15 December 2025.