



Planning 2: National Planning Policy

The Welsh Assembly Government's land use planning policy consists of:

- National planning policy, as set out in *Planning Policy Wales*¹ (PPW) (the equivalent for minerals is *Minerals Planning Policy Wales*²) and Ministerial Interim Planning Policy Statements³ (MIPPS). *Planning Policy Wales Companion Guide*⁴, published in June 2006, gives guidance for planners and other stakeholders in applying planning policy to their Development Plans and development control decisions.
- Technical Advice Notes (TANs)⁵, and an equivalent series of notes for minerals (MTANs).
- Procedural guidance, in the form of Circulars and numbered Circular Letters.

PPW remains the principal and authoritative source of national planning policy. The document covers a range of topics including:

- Green belts and wedges
- Building design
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Control of outdoor advertisements
- Planning decisions and appeals
- Ensuring access for all
- Conservation of the natural and built environment
- Sustainable Development
- Supporting the economy
- Transport
- Housing
- Retail development
- Tourism, sport and recreation
- Infrastructure and services
- Renewable Energy
- Mineral extraction

¹ Welsh Assembly Government, March 2002, *Planning Policy Wales*, <http://new.wales.gov.uk/docrepos/40382/4038231121/403821/403821/403828/planningpolicy-e.pdf?lang=en>

² Welsh Assembly Government, December 2000, *Minerals Planning Policy Wales*, <http://new.wales.gov.uk/docrepos/40382/4038231121/403821/403821/403828/MPPW.pdf?lang=en>

³ Welsh Assembly Government, Planning MIPPS: <http://new.wales.gov.uk/about/departments/depc/epcpublications/PlanPubs/MIPPS1/?lang=en>

⁴ Welsh Assembly Government, June 2006, *Planning Policy Wales Companion Guide*, http://new.wales.gov.uk/docrepos/40382/4038231121/403821/403821/403828/PPW_Companion_Guide-e.pdf?lang=en

⁵ Welsh Assembly Government, *Technical Advice Notes*: <http://new.wales.gov.uk/about/departments/depc/epcpublications/PlanPubs/TAN/?lang=en>



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MIPPS have amended several of the original chapters in PPW, including the chapters on Housing, Planning for Retail and Town Centres, and Infrastructure and Services. This latter chapter now includes more information on planning for renewable energy. A draft MIPPS for Planning, Health and Well-being⁶ was released in 2006, to further amend Planning Policy Wales. A draft MIPPS and draft compendium on Climate Change⁷ was issued in December 2006.

The current MIPPS are (click on the link to open the document):

[Ministerial Interim Planning Policy Statement \(MIPPS\) 01/2006 - Housing](#)
23/06/2006

[Ministerial Interim Planning Policy Statement \(MIPPS\) 01/2005 - Planning for Renewable Energy](#)
01/12/2005

[Ministerial Interim Planning Policy Statement \(MIPPS\) 02/2005 - Planning For Retailing and Town Centres](#)
01/12/2005

Technical Advice Notes⁸ provide further information and guidance in specific areas; there are 20 TANS in total and they should be read as complementing PPW.

All Technical Advice Notes (TAN) should be read in conjunction with Planning Policy Wales.

The following make up the current series of TAN's (click on the link to open the document):

[TAN 1: Joint Housing Land Availability Studies - 2006](#)

[TAN 2: Planning and Affordable Housing - 2006](#)

[TAN 3: Simplified Planning Zones – 1996](#)

[TAN 4: Retailing and Town Centres – 1996](#)

[TAN 5: Nature Conservation and Planning – 1996](#)

[TAN 6: Agricultural and Rural Development – 2000](#)

[TAN 7: Outdoor Advertisement Control – 1996](#)

[TAN 8: Renewable Energy – 2005](#)

[TAN 9: Enforcement of Planning Control – 1997](#)

[TAN 10: Tree Preservation Orders – 1997](#)

[TAN 11: Noise – 1997](#)

⁶ Welsh Assembly Government, *Ministerial Interim Planning Policy Statement: Planning, Health and Well Being*, http://new.wales.gov.uk/docrepos/40371/403823112/40382/40382/4038217/4038213/585616/DMIPPS_2_2006Plan_Heal1.doc?lang=en

⁷ Welsh Assembly Government, *Planning for Climate Change Consultation document*, December 2006
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/archivepress/environmentpress/enviroppress2006/1088880/?lang=en>

⁸ Welsh Assembly Government, *Technical Advice Notes*
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/about/departments/depc/epcpublications/PlanPubs/TAN/?lang=en>

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[TAN 12: Design – 2002](#)

[TAN 13: Tourism – 1997](#)

[TAN 14: Coastal Planning – 1998](#)

[TAN 15: Development and Flood Risk – 2004](#)

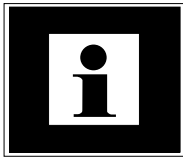
[TAN 16: Sport and Recreation – 1998](#)

[TAN 18: Transport - 1998](#)

[TAN 19: Telecommunications – 2002](#)

[TAN 20: The Welsh Language – Unitary Development Plans and Planning Control – 2000](#)

[TAN 21: Waste – 2001](#)



Further Information:

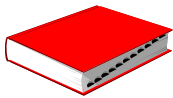
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