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Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) 2011-2026 Deposit Draft (June 2015)

Deposit Stage Representation Form, June 2015

It is recommended that representations are made on this standard form or directly on-line at LDPWeb via www.powys.gov.uk (Planning Policy/LDP pages).

Alternatively please complete Sections 1 and 2 of this standard form, it only needs to be done once, for Section 3 you will need to use a separate form for each representation that you wish to make and attach it to sections 1 and 2. Sections 5 and 6 contain questions regarding feedback and equalities and will only need to be completed once.

Send your completed form to:

**Powys LDP Team
Planning Policy
Powys County Council
The Gwalia,
Llandrindod Wells,
LD1 6AA**

or email to ldp@powys.gov.uk

Representations must be received by **4.30pm, Monday 20th July 2015**.

Please note that only representations submitted during this consultation period (8th June 2015 - 20th July 2015) will be carried forward through the Local Development Plan process. Any representations that were made in the previous consultation (on the Powys LDP Deposit Draft, July 2014) will not be carried forward. If you consider that any representations you made last time are still relevant, you must submit these again using the latest Deposit Stage Representation Form and guidance note.

Please read the separate “**Guidance Notes on Making Representations**” before completing this form which will guide you through the process.

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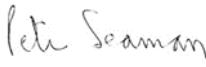
Section 1: Contact Details

	Your Details	Your Agent's Details (if applicable)
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Please note that information provided in Sections 1, 3 and 4 will be made publicly available. Further personal information (as provided in Section 2) will be treated confidentially.

Section 2: Further Personal Information

(See “Guidance Notes on Making Representations”)

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From this point onwards please use a separate representation form for each part of the plan you wish to make a comment on. All representations made will be available for the public to view.

SECTION 3: Commenting on the Plan:

3a. The Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) will be examined by an independent Inspector appointed by the Welsh Government.

It is the Inspector's job to consider whether the Plan is sound. There is no definition of 'sound' but in this context we use its ordinary meaning of 'showing good judgement' and 'able to be trusted'.

The questions or 'tests' which the Inspector will consider in deciding whether the Plan is sound are in the Guidance Notes on Making Representations accompanying this form, it may help you to read them before you tell us what you think of the Plan and its policies.

Before you set out your comments in detail, it would be helpful to know whether you think the Plan is sound, or if you think that all or parts of it are unsound and needs to be changed.

If you want changes to the plan, we will assume you do not consider the Plan to be sound. However, please note that it is not the role of the Inspector to make an acceptable plan better.

(i) ~~I think the LDP is sound~~

(ii) **I think the LDP is unsound and should be changed**

(iii) If you think the plan does not meet one or more tests of soundness, please indicate below which test (s) it does not meet (see "**Guidance Notes on Making Representations**")

fails P2 no biodiversity monitoring framework to support SEA data-base findings fails C2 does not have regard to National Policy on biodiversity or historic environment fails CE2 no biodiversity monitoring framework to support SEA data-base findings fails CE3 uneven cover of monitoring ignoring biodiversity, landscape, including many designated and protected categories. Little scope for assessing public concerns. Indicators and actions variable in relevance
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3b. Which document are you commenting on:

Please tick one:

- Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026, Deposit Draft (June 2015) Written Statement
 ~~Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026, Deposit Draft (June 2015) Proposals Maps~~

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- ~~Sustainability Appraisal Report (June 2015)~~
- ~~Draft Environmental Report (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (June 2015)~~
- ~~Habitat Regulations Assessment Report (June 2015)~~

3c. Which part of the document are you commenting on?

When making a comment or representation, it is important you tell us which part of the document you are commenting on. To make this easier a system of RefPoints (Reference Points) has been used. We have placed RefPoints in the document which look like this: [⑨.12](#) (An ® symbol followed by a number). If you want to make a general comment about the whole document, or to point out something which has been omitted, please use the first RefPoint in the document.

Further information can be found in the “**Guidance Notes on Making Representations**”. Please remember to use one form per representation.

RefPoint

⑨34.106

and / or

Policy Number

LDP Appendix 3 Monitoring Framework

and / or

Paragraph or section number

LDP Appendix 3 Monitoring Framework

and/or

The Proposals Map

Section 3d: Your Comments and Suggested Changes

Please set out your comments below using additional sheets as necessary.

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If you want changes made to the Plan, please be specific. For example, if you want new text or a policy added, please set out the new text or policy and explain where it should go in the plan.

If you do not consider the Plan to be sound and that it should be changed, please explain clearly why you think the changes are needed. If you think a change is needed for the plan to meet one or more tests of soundness, please tell us which one(s).

Your comments should be set out in full. This will help the Authority and the Inspector to understand the issues you raise. You will only be able to submit further information to the Examination if the Inspector invites you to address matters that he or she may raise. Please note that the Inspector will not have access to comments you may have made in response to previous consultations.

i) Please use the space below to set out your representation:

1. What the monitoring framework does

Lists 40 AMR topics for annual monitoring, each related to one or more LDP objective, and one or more LDP policies. A core indicator measures level of target achievement and indicator values are set for triggering either internal investigation (mild problem) or LDP review (severe problem). This framework is crucial for adjustments in policy and implementation of policy to ensure the LDP is meeting its own stated Objectives and Policies and also National and International policy.

2. General problems with the AMR system

Although authors have chosen to arrange AMR topics according to LDP objectives, there is a poor fit between the two. Some items, included under specific objectives, are left out of the AMR system. Other important items do not feature in either objectives or the monitoring framework.

CPRW has produced a table to illustrate this: Please refer to Monitoring Table 1

3. Specific problems with the AMR

3.1. Natural Heritage Objective 11 (SEA Topics ‘Biodiversity’ & ‘Soil’) No AMR.

Objective 11 covers air, land and water resources and ‘ensures, wherever possible, development enhances them and produces a net gain for biodiversity’. In view of rapidly declining biodiversity, this is such an important matter that Powys has an absolute duty to overcome the inherent monitoring difficulties. The current WAG Nature Recovery plan requires this monitoring. The five yearly SEA monitoring proposed in the SEA ER is far too infrequent to prompt effective action and includes no targets or indicators. The SEA says that data for carbon storage soils, which overlap with three s42 habitats, are lacking. Powys has lost an Ecology Officer and urgently requires another to help address the monitoring imperative.

3.2. Landscape. Objective 13. (also an SEA topic). No AMR.

Omission of landscape monitoring is a critical failure of duty. Landscape should have been properly separated out from historic buildings, parks and gardens in Objective 13. Powys does not have a post of Landscape Officer which could have facilitated development of monitoring indicators. Readily available data-bases showing location and cumulative impact of types of development in relation to relevant topography, settlements, rights of way, and cultural heritage assets is crucial to monitoring of landscape impacts. A cumulative mapping system of wind

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turbines was described in the recent WAG-initiated Blaenau Gwent capacity study: Powys has nothing equivalent.

3.3 Tourism and public rights of way assets. No objective. No AMR

Protection and enhancement of assets important for tourism is left out of objectives and the only tourism related AMR concerns development of built tourism facilities. The **LDP 2.4.1-10** says '*visitors to Powys are drawn to the area for its outstanding scenery, heritage and recreational activities. Protecting these attractions and supporting a sustainable and year-round tourism sector is a must for the LDP.*' The monitoring framework is therefore obliged to have regard to **DM1 7ii** and **DM1 8**: it is inexcusable to confine monitoring of tourism to modern built tourist developments.

3.4. There is no monitoring of unauthorised development.

3.5 Renewable and low carbon energy. Objective 5. AMR 33

This critical planning topic with wide-ranging implications for all other objectives has a single AMR based on targets which, in turn, have no evidence base. AMR 33 ensures that pressure to meet targets will encourage uninformed case-by-case decisions with potentially disastrous environmental consequences.

There is no subdivision of renewal energy sources, each of which has a particular characteristic set of environmental risks. It is likely that new renewable technologies will become available during the LDP lifetime but we have no monitoring of the nature, mix or contribution of existing RE projects so this will go totally unrecorded.

Experience with wind turbines and anaerobic digesters suggest that public complaints and concerns of independent conservation organisations are the principle sources of information about adverse impacts of operating projects. Noise and odour complaints indicate that DM2 10 may not be sufficient screening to ensure the vision of Powys as a '*healthy, safe environment*'.

Stakeholder representations must be sought, recorded and, where they reveal significant adverse impacts, fed back into the decision-making process to inform assessment of new applications.

CPRW does not underestimate the complexity of the suggestions below but, without any monitoring for action, severe collateral environmental damage will go unchecked. AMR 12B (Built Heritage) shows that PCC is able to adopt suggestions based on analysis of planning reports and Appeal results. However if this monitoring method is adopted, PCC must address the public view that, currently, Officer's Reports do not always do justice to significant adverse impacts raised by colleagues within PCC, outside professional stake-holders, well-informed members of the public and affected residents.

3.6 There is no monitoring of intensive agriculture

3.7. Historic Environment. Objective 13. SEA sub-topic. AMR 12

AMR 12 is designed to reduce the number of listed buildings on the 'at risk' data base. Although the target is to reduce the number by approximately one fifth, action is only triggered by an increase in number, that is when the target has already been missed by 861 at-risk buildings. This is an irrational target which will do nothing to improve the situation as stated in the SEA ER p.82. CPRW warmly welcomes the addition of AMR 12B which greatly improves the monitoring of the Historic Environment. We suggest triggers could be specified as in HE S2 below. We apologise for leaving AMR 12B out of the table. The national importance of the 'precious and fragile' Historic Environment and its contribution to income and employment in Wales is set out in Section 3 on the

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Historic Environment (Wales) Bill may 2015. This section does not show a commitment to conserve and enhance the historic environment in compliance with the objectives of PPWv7 Ch6.

ii) Please use the space below to say what changes (if any) you would like to be made:

3.1 Natural Heritage changes suggested:

General:

Develop an AMR monitoring scheme for biodiversity including carbon storage.

Specific Natural Heritage Suggestions:

NH S1. Ecology Officer screens applications for significant specified applications which, at least, include wind turbines, intensive poultry and animal development, industrial development on greenfield sites and housing development over 10 houses. EO comments on whether, prior to determination, mitigation/compensation/off-set measures 1) do not provide commensurate biodiversity value or 2) do provide commensurate biodiversity value or 3) produce net gain. The comments to be tabulated and matched to approval/refusal decisions. Action to be taken with indicators of percentages of applications approved where 1), 2)or 3) apply.

NH S2. For each approved development as above, report on area of LBAP habitat lost and area of new LBAP habitat provided by mitigation/compensation/off-set measures. Report on cumulative area of LBAP lost. Percentage shortfall in area to trigger action.

NH S3. Regular reports required of developers, at set intervals after commencement of development, on whether promised measures are secured and whether aims of mitigation are being achieved. Percentages of 1) failure to report and 2) default on approved undertakings or s106 agreements to trigger action.

NH S4. Data for carbon storage soils should be obtained and monitoring of loss through development should be implemented with planning actions to halt loss.

NH S5. Planting of trees and other vegetation to increase carbon storage and reduce erosion and flood damage to compensate for loss through development to be monitored.

NH S6. If PCC cannot do this work, outsource it to responsible, independent organisation via paid contract. – possibly a local ecological Trust.

NH S7. Develop actions to improve outcomes via: improved liaison with Ecology Officer, training, advice to applicants, extra scrutiny of applications, strict regard to biodiversity planning policy including PPW 5 & DM1.9 within the planning process.

NH S8. PCC to offset poor outcomes by designating new sites of important habitat which will receive full protection from development in compensation.

3.2 Landscape changes

General:

Landscape professional to develop an AMR monitoring system, which is as objective as possible, using appropriate data-bases which must be developed for the purpose.

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Specific Landscape suggestions:

Ls S1. Applications for wind turbines, solar installations, pylons, and other substantial industrial/agricultural structures to be screened by landscape professional for appropriate environmental information about 1) cumulative impact and 2) impact on significant viewpoints. Percentage of applications failing to provide 1) and/or 2) before determination triggers action.

Ls S2. Landscape professional reviews data bases to assess cumulative impact of OCP development on view points from number of key assets of public value selected to cover the county, including National Trails and some cultural heritage assets, areas of unspoilt countryside and conservation areas in towns. Percentage increase in numbers compared with pre-existing numbers to trigger action.

LsS3. Develop actions to improve outcomes via: improved liaison with Landscape Officer/consultant, training, advice to applicants, extra scrutiny of applications, regard for conserving Powys landscape, particularly areas with high LANDMAP values or specially valued by the public and tourists for their scenic qualities and views.

3.3 Tourism and PROW changes:

General:

Develop AMR monitoring system which takes account of the landscape and traditional setting of tourist attractions with the aim of protecting and enhancing these. Monitoring should be devised by landscape professional with special interest in PROWs and take account of public representations from stakeholder groups such as Powys Ramblers, British Horse Society, Sustrans, walking festival organisers, tourism promotion groups and holiday businesses that depend on walking, riding and cycling.

Specific Tourism items and PROWs to be included:

T&P S1. All items included in DM1 7ii and DM1 8 reflecting the fact that integrity of surrounding landscapes and townscapes contribute hugely to the public enjoyment of these assets. Indicators to be related to planning approvals with adverse impact on enjoyment of these assets and actions as in Ls S3. above.

T&P S2. Offa's Dyke landscape corridor requires specific mention in DM1 7ii and AMR framework so that Powys' two major linear tourist attractions – Offa's Dyke and Montgomery Canal – receive equivalent attention and protection in Planning matters.

T&P S3. Bridleways and long-distance bridle routes require specific mention in DM1 7ii and AMR framework.

3.4 Unauthorised development change suggested:

An AMR system for monitoring notification of unauthorised development from any source, the LPA response, and the outcome, including retrospective planning permission, should be added. The aim would be to secure swift action and minimise retrospective permissions to strengthen protection afforded by the planning system.

3.5 Renewable Energy Changes suggested (overlap with biodiversity, landscape and water monitoring)

RE S1. Monitor targets with indicators to be developed for principle types of renewable energy which reflect the main adverse impacts. Examples would be:

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wind turbines:

cumulative visual impact (professional landscape assessment of PCC data-base which must be developed), noise nuisance (separation distances from PCC data-base, complaints/questionnaires/measurements), biodiversity (local wildlife trusts reports, biodiversity monitoring data-base) hydrology impacts (water quality monitoring data-base, biodiversity monitoring data-base, complaints about loss in quality of quantity of drinking supplies for humans/animals), impact on tourism visitor numbers and visitor experience (reports received from tourism organisations, tourism businesses and visitors)

anaerobic digesters and other developments using biofuel :

odour (complaints/measurements), traffic nuisance (complaints/ measurements) importation of biofuels (obligatory operator's reports), biodiversity (local wildlife trusts reports ,biodiversity monitoring data-base)

RE S2. Monitor adverse impacts of different types addressed in Officer's Reports and Appeal decisions. **•**This requires Planning Advice to applicants with clear expectations about which environmental topics must be included in applications for particular types of project. This also requires Officers' checklists for submitted applications (as used successfully by many other authorities), so that relevant information is supplied, even when EIA is not required.

RE S3 Monitor the deployment of different types and sizes of renewable energy projects with indicators and action to develop future AMRs to address likely adverse impacts.

RE S4 Monitor compliance with arrangements for decommissioning.

3.6 Intensive Agriculture Change suggestion

Create a data-base of numbers, sizes and types of intensive livestock units with distribution in relation to watercourses. Monitor, against a checklist, whether appropriate information, including assessment of cumulative impact has been submitted in planning applications, particularly with respect to impact on water quality.

3.7 Historic Environment suggestions:

HE S1 Alter the indicator trigger levels for at risk buildings to achieve a decrease

HE S2 Indicators would be derived from Officer's reports and Appeal decisions subject to the comments in the Renewable Energy section above (see**•**). Any significant adverse impact on a historic asset or its setting would trigger action. For a more up to date discussion of 'setting' than any equivalent Welsh source, see Historic England. 'The Setting of Heritage Assets. Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning'. July 2015.

Other suggestions

Please refer to Monitoring Table 2. CPRW has produced comments on the AMR targets, indicators and actions in tabular form to avoid giving a confusing list of references.

Please continue on a separate sheet if required

iii) **Does your representation request the addition of a:**

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a) ~~New Site~~ (see 3e below)

b) New Policy X

c) New Paragraph or new text X

d) Other X

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Section 3e: Site Allocation Representations

i) Is your representation referring to (tick all that apply):

- (a) Amending a site (see ii a), (b) Deleting a site (see ii a)
- (c) Adding a new site (see ii b)

ii) If your representation is with regard to an allocation shown in the Deposit Plan Map Document and Appendix 1, please enter the reference number here:

- a) Allocation Number (e.g P01 HA1)

New Site Information - was the site submitted as part of the candidate site process? If so, please give the Candidate Site name and Number (if known):

- b) Site Name, Candidate Site Number

If you did not submit the site previously as a candidate site, please provide the following details:

- A plan of the site you wish to be considered with your Representation form. This must be an Ordnance Survey Based Map, outlining the land for consideration in RED.
- Details of the proposed use for the site.
- Documentation that the site accords with the LDP's strategy and that the plan would be sound if the site is included.
- Evidence that you have used a consistent methodology in assessing the site. It is advised that you follow the Authority's Candidate Site Methodology, this can be found on the website at [Candidate Site Proposed Methodology March 2012 Doc15 bi.pdf](#)
- You will also need to test the sustainability effects of the site. This is called Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment. See guidance note for more information.

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Section 4: After making your representation

At this stage, you can only make comments in writing (these are called 'written representations').

However everyone that wants to change the Plan can appear before and speak to the Inspector at a 'hearing session' during the public Examination.

However you should bear in mind that your written comments on this form will be given the same weight by the Inspector as those made verbally at a hearing session.

- a) Do you want your comments to be considered by "written representations" or do you want to speak at a hearing session of the public examination? (Please tick one of the following):**

i) ~~I do not want to speak at a hearing session and am happy for my written comments to be considered by the Inspector~~

ii) I want to speak at a hearing session

- b) If you wish to speak, please confirm which part of your representation you wish to speak to the Inspector about and why you consider it to be necessary to speak at the hearing**

X Yes, I wish to be notified that the LDP has been submitted to Welsh Government for independent examination and/or of the adoption of the plan.

X I am enclosing further information on separate page/s **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PDF OF MONITORING TABLES**

Signed *Leth Seaman*.....Dated...19th July 2015...

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS

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Section 5: CUSTOMER FEEDBACK MONITORING

Please complete Section 5 and 6 once only. It is only for section 3 that you will need to use a separate form for each representation that you wish to make.

Section 5 is designed to help us find out if the Council is delivering a satisfactory service to you, the customer.

All questions are *optional*. Please leave blank any that you prefer not to answer.

- 1. Did you speak to a member of the LDP Team before submitting your representation (s)?**

- Yes
- No

- 2. How satisfied were you with the information provided and assistance given to you?**

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Not applicable

- 3. How satisfied are you with information available on the Powys website referring to the Deposit LDP?**

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Not applicable

- 4. Did you attend one of the LDP exhibitions? If you did how satisfied are you with the information presented and how questions were answered.**

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Not applicable

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5. How easy did you find it to complete the representation form.

- Very easy
- Easy
- Difficult
- Very Difficult
- Not applicable, representations were submitted via LDPWeb / other method.

6. How easy did you find it to submit your comments through LDPWeb.

- Very easy
- Easy
- Difficult
- Very Difficult
- Not applicable representations were submitted in paper format / email.

7. As we are continually monitoring and improving our services, we would appreciate any suggestions or comments you may have that you believe would help improve our services to you.

8. Overall, how would you rate the service you have received?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know/can't remember

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Section 6 – Equalities Monitoring

Powys County Council is committed to providing services which meet the needs of different types of people and to remove any barriers that exist. To achieve this, we need to gather information about who uses our services, and whether their needs are met. This will then assist in shaping the way that we design, manage and improve our services. We would therefore appreciate you taking just a few minutes to complete this information as part of that process.

All the information that you give us here, will be treated in the strictest of confidence, and, will be used only to provide data for statistical analysis and reporting.

All questions are *optional*. Please leave blank any that you prefer not to answer.

1. Gender

What is your gender?

Male Female

2. Age

What is your age?

Under 16 16 – 17 18 – 19 20 – 24 25 – 34
 35 – 44 45 – 54 55 – 64 65 – 74 75 or over

3. Disability

3.1 Do you have any physical or mental health conditions, illnesses or impairments, lasting, or expected to last, 12 months or more¹ ?

Yes No Don't know

3.2 If you answered 'Yes' to question 3.1, does your condition, illness or impairment/ do any of your conditions, illnesses or impairments reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? ²

Yes, a lot Yes, a little Not at all

¹ Note: In answering question 3.1, please include any sensory deficit, non temporary mobility problems such as dyspraxia and cerebral palsy, developmental conditions such as Autism and Asperger's syndrome, conditions associated with learning impairment such as Down's syndrome or dyslexia, difficulties associated with injury as well as common conditions and illnesses if they have lasted or are expected to last 12 months or more. Any seasonal conditions such as hay fever which recur and have lasted or are expected to recur in the future should also be included.

² Note: In answering questions 3.2 and 3.3 you should consider whether you are affected whilst receiving any treatment or medication for your condition or illness and/or using any devices such as a hearing aid, for example.

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3.3 Do you have any health conditions, illnesses or impairments which affect you in the following areas²?
Please choose ALL that apply.

- Vision (for example blindness or partial sight)
- Hearing (for example deafness or partial hearing)
- Mobility (for example walking short distances or climbing stairs)
- Dexterity (for example, lifting and carrying objects or using a keyboard)
- Learning or understanding/concentrating (for example associated with Dyslexia or Down's syndrome)
- Memory
- Mental Health
- Stamina or breathing or fatigue
- Socially or behaviourally (for example, associated with autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's syndrome)
- Other, please describe

4. Pregnancy and Maternity

IF FEMALE: Are you currently pregnant, or have you given birth within the past 26 weeks?

- Yes, I'm pregnant
- Yes, I've given birth within the past 26 weeks
- No

5. Language

5.1 Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh? Please choose ALL that apply.

- Understand spoken Welsh
- Speak Welsh
- Read Welsh
- Write Welsh
- None of the above

5.2 What is your main language?

- English
- Welsh
- Other, please specify

6. National Identity

How would you describe your national identity? Please choose ALL that apply.

- Welsh
- English
- Scottish
- Northern Irish
- British
- Irish
- Polish
- Other, please describe

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7. Ethnicity

What is your ethnic group? Please choose JUST ONE of the 18 options below that best describes your ethnic group or background.

White

- 1. Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- 2. Irish
- 3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- 4. Any other White background, please describe

Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups

- 5. White and Black Caribbean
- 6. White and Black African
- 7. White and Asian
- 8. Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background, please describe

Asian / Asian British

- 9. Indian
- 10. Pakistani
- 11. Bangladeshi
- 12. Chinese
- 13. Any other Asian background, please describe

Black / African / Caribbean / British

- 14. African
- 15. Caribbean
- 16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please describe

Other Ethnic group

- 17. Arab
- 18. Any other ethnic group, please describe

8. Sexual Identity

IF AGED 16 OR OVER: Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

- Heterosexual or Straight
- Gay or Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

9. Marital or same-sex Civil Partnership Status

IF AGED 16 OR OVER: What is your current marital or same-sex civil partnership status?

- Single, that is, never married and never registered in a same-sex Civil Partnership
- Married
- In a registered same-sex Civil Partnership
- Other, please describe

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10. Religion

What is your religion?

- No religion
- Christian (all denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion, please describe