Appendix 4 – Consulting on the RTP – Reaching Out and Engaging

Press release

20 January 2025

Have Your Say on the Future of Transport in North Wales

Getting around much of North Wales can be a challenge. As a largely rural region with rail and road networks often under pressure, there is widespread agreement that local transportation and connectivity need improvement. Today, a 12-week public consultation launches, giving residents, businesses, and visitors the chance to shape the future of travel in the region.

Ambition North Wales, which also serves as the region's Corporate Joint Committee - with responsibility for regional transport planning, strategic land use planning and enhancing economic well-being, is inviting feedback on the draft Regional Transport Plan for North Wales. The document sets out strategic policies and interventions for the next five years, covering all modes of transport, including rail, road, bus, walking, and cycling, and aims to provide better travel options, improve digital connectivity, and reduce environmental impacts.

The consultation represents the collective efforts and expertise of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee, its Transport Sub-Committee and partners, including local authorities, Transport for Wales and the Welsh Government.

Councillor Goronwy Edwards, Chair of the Transport Sub-Committee, said: "This is an opportunity for people to tell us what's important to them and how we can improve transport links across the region. Effective transport systems connect people to essential services, link businesses to employees and customers, and support a thriving economy. I urge residents to get involved and have their say."

Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Committee Vice-chair, added: "Good transport links are vital for our communities. They reduce isolation in rural areas, improve access to services like healthcare and education, and boost local economies by attracting visitors and supporting small businesses. This is why we are keen to get as much input as possible so we can work together to create a transport network that works for everyone across the region."

The plan aims to shape transport policy and investment up to 2030, replacing local transport plans and aligning with national priorities. It is seen as essential to ensure that North Wales meets future economic challenges, supports sustainable travel, and contributes to climate goals.

The <u>consultation</u> runs until 14th April 2025 – North Wales residents are urged not to miss the opportunity to influence the future of transport in the region by visiting: <u>northwalesregionaltransportplan.virtual-engage.com</u>



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Notes to editors

- 1. The consultation runs from 20th January 2025 for 12 weeks. Responses should be submitted by 23:59pm on 14th April 2025.
- 2. Ambition North Wales is responsible for supporting the delivery of the region's Growth Deal and is also the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) with responsibilities for regional transport planning, strategic land use planning, and enhancing economic well-being.
- 3. The CJC includes representative members from the six councils of Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey, and Wrexham, as well as Eryri National Park Authority for planning matters. As the CJC, Ambition North Wales is seeking views on the draft North Wales Regional Transport Plan, which outlines our strategic policies and interventions for the next five years across various modes of transport. The aim is to publish and adopt our Regional Transport Plan in the Summer 2025.
- The draft plan and consultation questionnaire are available online in a <u>virtual</u> <u>exhibition room</u>. Responses can also be emailed to northwalesregionaltransportplan@arup.com or sent by post to: FREEPOST UGC / ANW.

Paper copies of the consultation document are available at public libraries in every county. Accessible formats can be requested by emailing <u>northwalesregionaltransportplan@arup.com</u> or calling 01172 405 350.

Engaging with Politicians

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Pwnc: Gwybodaeth am lansiad yr ymgynghoriad trafnidiaeth | Information regarding the public consultation on the future of transport

Er gwybodaeth – for your information.

Mae'r gwybodaeth canlynol a'r dogfennau atodedig wedi'u rhannu ag ASau ac ASau San Steffan perthnasol yn ogystal â phartneriaid a rhanddeiliaid, gan gynnwys arweinwyr cyfathrebu o fewn awdurdodau lleol.

The following information and attached documents have been shared with relevant MSs and MPs as well as partners and stakeholders, including local authority communications leads.

Annwyl [Enw],	Dear [Name],
Rydym yn lansio ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar Gynllun Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol drafft ar gyfer Gogledd Cymru ar yr 20fed o Ionawr. Mae'r ymgynghoriad 12 wythnos yn gyfle i drigolion, busnesau ac ymwelwyr gael mewnbwn i ddyfodol trafnidiaeth yng ngogledd Cymru.	We are launching an important public consultation on the draft Regional Transport Plan for North Wales on the 20 th of January. This 12-week consultation offers residents, businesses, and visitors the opportunity to shape the future of transport in north Wales.
O ystyried eich rôl yn cynrychioli ein cymunedau, byddwn yn ddiolchgar pe gallech chi a'ch tîm rannu gwybodaeth am yr ymgynghoriad gyda'ch etholwyr er mwyn sicrhau bod cymaint â phosibl yn cael cyfle i gyfrannu.	Given your role in representing our communities, I would be grateful if you and your team could share information about this consultation with your constituents to ensure as many people as possible have the chance to contribute.
Er mwyn hwyluso hyn, rwy'n atodi graffeg a chynnwys posib ar gyfer eich rhwydweithiau cymdeithasol, ynghyd â datganiad i'r wasg.	To help you do this, I attach graphics and suggested wording for your social media channels and a press release.
Mae'r ymgynghoriad yn rhedeg tan 14 Ebrill 2025, ac mae modd darparu adborth ar-lein, ar e-bost, neu drwy'r post. Mae copïau papur hefyd ar gael mewn llyfrgelloedd cyhoeddus ym mhob sir.	The consultation runs until 14th April 2025, and feedback can be provided through an online virtual exhibition, via email, or by post. Paper copies are also available at public libraries in each county.
I gael rhagor o fanylion, mae croeso i chi gysylltu neu, gallwch fynd i wefan yr ymgynghoriad: <u>https://bit.ly/CTRhGCymgysylltu-rhithwir</u>	For more details, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us or visit the consultation website: <u>northwalesregionaltransportplan.virtual-</u> <u>engage.com</u> .



Diolch ymlaen llaw. Cofion cynnes,

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Cyng. Goronwy Edwards Cadeirydd Is-Bwyllgor Trafnidiaeth Strategol

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Thank you for considering this request. Warm regards,

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Cllr. Goronwy Edwards Chair Strategic Transport Sub-Committee

Cllr. Dafydd Rhys Thomas Vice-Chair Strategic Transport Sub-Committee

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Transport Consultation

Ambition North Wales has launched a public consultation on a proposed Regional Transport Plan for North Wales.

You can view the proposals and submit your feedback through a virtual engagement room by following this link: <u>North Wales Regional Transport Plan</u>

The deadline for responses is 23:59pm on 14 April 2025.



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