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| **TITLE** | **Consultation on improvement rates relief – summary of responses** |
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Today, I am publishing the summary of responses to the recent consultation on non-domestic rates improvement relief in Wales. The consultation ran for 12 weeks from 16 May until 8 August 2023.

Respondents to the consultation were generally in favour of the proposals to provide improvement relief and provided a range of comments. I am grateful for the detailed and considered responses from stakeholders. These will help to ensure the proposals meet the policy intention to support business and other ratepayers to make improvements to the properties they occupy to support their businesses and growth.

The Welsh Government will bring forward the secondary legislation required to provide for improvement relief, in line with the proposals, and it remains our intention that the regulations will come into force on 1 April 2024. This is subject to the passage through its final stages in Parliament of the UK Government’s Non-Domestic Rating Bill, which will introduce the provisions under which the relief will be provided.

The summary of responses is available at: [Improvement rates relief](https://www.gov.wales/improvement-rates-relief)