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| **TITLE** | **Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 – Publication of consultation** |
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The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (the Act) establishes a single infrastructure consenting process for specified types of major infrastructure projects.

Following the passing of the Act at Stage 4, two short consultation papers were issued to seek evidence on pre-application consultation and fees within the new regime. The evidence received has fed into this consultation.

I have published a final consultation that covers the new consent regime in its entirety. The new regime provides a transparent, consistent and simple, yet rigorous, process which enables local communities and stakeholders to shape developments and better understand how decisions affect them. The proposals are also intended to meet future challenges by being sufficiently flexible to capture the consenting arrangements for developing technologies and any further powers which may be devolved.

The consultation is available here:

[Implementing the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 | GOV.WALES](https://www.gov.wales/implementing-infrastructure-wales-act-2024)

I welcome input from all stakeholders by 13 December 2024.