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Consultation Response Form

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Question 1: Do you think WelTAG 2017 is an improved process for developing, appraising, and evaluating transport related projects?

Yes/No:

If no, please explain the reason for your answer:

Yes

However it should also be used for Government sponsored projects such as the M4 relief road and the new Wales and Borders franchise for the section including heavy or light rail for the Valleys

Question 2: WeITAG 2017 has been written to encompass the goals, objectives, and ways of working set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Are there specific areas where the document needs to be improved or strengthened?

Yes/No:

If yes, Please explain the reason for your answer:

Yes.

Railfuture supports the revision to encompass the Well Being of Future Generations act but also considers it should have taken into account the ActiveTravel and Planning Acts

Question 3: It is our intention to provide Advisory Notes to accompany WeITAG 2017. What advisory notes would you find helpful?

Please respond in the box below:

The Wales Transport Strategy needs to be updated to take into account the recent new acts of Welsh Government and recent changes in transport demand.

The availability of funding for projects is also important as there are at present a number of unknown factors e g will the EU continue to fund the Trans Europe routes across Wales to Ireland and will Westminster Government adequately fund Network Rail for its work in Wales and also provide for upgrading Welsh infrastructure such as electrification of railways which has been promised by a previous government.

The provision of the source of up to date statistics is important as some can be up to five years old.

How to deal with cross border projects both within Wales and with England The borders of the City regions need to be clear and available and again how to deal with cross City region projects.

Local and national development plan statistics need to be explained

Question 4: Are there any areas where you would find additional training and support helpful?

If yes, please make your suggestions below:

Yes

A stakeholder session to show the compilation of an assessment would be helpful. This session should include local authority representatives and user groups

Question 5: Do you have any other comments on the guidance?

Please respond in the box below:

Railfuture supports the upgraded guidance but wishes to note the following

Clear definitions need to be given to consultants as they often only perform a desk based exercise and not consider or consult on local factors.

Monitoring and evaluation are important and should not be restricted to local communities. We consider that all projects should have all Wales benefits

On line surveys/ survey monkeys can be manipulated and can produce unbalanced results. They should be used with caution and only used as a lead for further research.

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