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Placemaking helps us create high quality spaces and development in our towns, villages and countryside which satisfy our need for homes, jobs and public services, whilst seeking to maintain and protect our natural environments and promote cultural experiences for all.

Edition 10 of Planning Policy Wales (PPW), which is being published for consultation today, seeks to embed placemaking into national planning policy, to help ensure development decisions, both on local planning policies and planning applications, help promote prosperity for all parts of society.

PPW has been completely reworked to take account of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The 7 well-being goals and 5 ways of working provide links through the document, both in terms of its structure and content, which is now based around themes which together promote placemaking with a view to achieving sustainable places.

The policy content of PPW has also been updated to recognise our planning priorities contained in *Taking Wales Forward.* These include delivering on housing and our energy commitments and enshrining the agent of change principle in to national planning policy.

Consultation on this important national planning policy document will run for more than 12 weeks, concluding on 18th May 2018. I would encourage anyone with an interest in the natural or built environment to respond and help us to shape this new, innovative approach to national planning policy making in Wales.