

Good afternoon

I hope to add my voice to the many responses you will have received regarding National Planning Framework 4, as follows:

It is clear from your Think Pieces that there are numerous factors to prioritise going forward if we are to reach our potential (and our commitments) economically, culturally and ecologically. There exist opportunities for individuals and businesses to embody many of these factors at once, indeed for them to be symbiotic. In particular, centering around the creative-tourism aspects of replenishment and sustainable utilisation of remote-rural native woodland: from its associated bio-diversity and ecological resilience; to carbon sequestration; to providing jobs and learning opportunities to the local economy; providing the setting for a thriving, inspiring community; to localised micro-power production, storage and usage; to the creation of buildings which are both cutting-edge in terms of energy efficiency, and sympathetic to the traditional vernacular of the area.

The more of these factors an enterprise can embody, the more it should be facilitated and encouraged by planning. If we are to embrace, as we should, localised resilience (both economically and ecologically), we should allow these factors to guide decisions as to the most suitable sites, over and above considerations such as whether a site has been built on before.

Please find attached my Respondent Information Form. Please let me know if you require any further elaboration on the thoughts above.

Thank you for extending the deadline for responses, and I hope this email finds you well.

Regards

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