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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Environmental Assessment of Plans  
and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004**

**PART 4**

**POST-ADOPTION PROCEDURES**

**Information as to adoption of plan or programme**

**16.**—(1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the adoption of a plan or programme for which an environmental assessment has been carried out under these Regulations, the responsible authority must—

- (a) make a copy of the plan or programme and its accompanying environmental report available at its principal office for inspection by the public at all reasonable times and free of charge; and
- (b) take such steps as it considers appropriate to bring to the attention of the public—
  - (i) the title of the plan or programme;
  - (ii) the date on which it was adopted;
  - (iii) the address (which may include a website) at which a copy of it and of its accompanying environmental report, and of a statement containing the particulars specified in paragraph (4), may be viewed or from which a copy may be obtained;
  - (iv) the times at which inspection may be made; and
  - (v) that inspection may be made free of charge.

(2) As soon as reasonably practicable after the adoption of a plan or programme—

- (a) the responsible authority must inform—
  - (i) the consultation bodies;
  - (ii) the persons who, in relation to the plan or programme, were public consultees for the purposes of regulation 13; and
  - (iii) where the responsible body is not the National Assembly, the National Assembly; and

(b) the National Assembly must inform the Secretary of State,  
of the matters referred to in paragraph (3).

(3) The matters are—

- (a) that the plan or programme has been adopted;
- (b) the date on which it was adopted; and
- (c) the address (which may include a website) at which a copy of—
  - (i) the plan or programme, as adopted;

- (ii) its accompanying environmental report; and
  - (iii) a statement containing the particulars specified in paragraph (4),  
may be viewed, or from which a copy may be obtained.
- (4) The particulars referred to in paragraphs (1)(b)(iii) and (3)(c)(iii) are—
- (a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;
  - (b) how the environmental report has been taken into account;
  - (c) how opinions expressed in response to—
    - (i) the invitation in regulation 13(2)(d);
    - (ii) action taken by the responsible authority in accordance with regulation 13(4),  
have been taken into account;
  - (d) how the results of any consultations entered into under regulation 14 have been taken into account;
  - (e) the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and
  - (f) the measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.

#### **Monitoring of implementation of plans and programmes**

17.—(1) The responsible authority must monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of each plan or programme with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action.

(2) The responsible authority's monitoring arrangements may comprise or include arrangements established otherwise than for the express purpose of complying with paragraph (1).