

LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

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	DAERA	CONSULTATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW RURAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	23:59 6 th September 2021
<p>A draft Rural Policy Framework for Northern Ireland has been developed collaboratively over the last two years with a wide range of stakeholders including across Departments, the wider public, private, and voluntary and community sector.</p> <p>The Framework aims to create a sustainable rural community where people want to live, work and be active. The framework focuses on five thematic pillars and associated priorities and will be a living document, flexible enough to respond to emerging rural issues as they happen. The Department is now seeking views on this Framework from across a much broader range of stakeholders and the general public, to finalise and bring forward a Rural Policy Framework that can meet the current and future needs of rural dwellers.</p> <p>The consultation will run for an 8 week period from Wednesday 7 July 2021 and the deadline for responses to this consultation is Monday 6 September 2021.</p> <p>The consultation documents are available at: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/rural-policy-framework-northern-ireland-consultation</p> <p>If you wish to take part in the consultation, once you have considered the proposals, you should online, through our survey which can be accessed here: https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-central-services-and-rural-affairs/rural-policy-framework</p> <p>A copy of the survey is also available for you to download at the following link: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/daera/20.21.042%20Rural%20Policy%20Frame work%20NI%20-%20Response%20Template%20final.PDF</p> <p>Completed hard copy survey questionnaires and general written responses can be sent to us by: E-mail at: ruralpolicydelivery@daera-ni.gov.uk Or Post at:</p>			

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Virtual Engagement Events

The opportunity for face-to-face discussion and engagement via online engagement events are being provided with members of the Rural Policy and Delivery team within DAERA.

At these events, the Rural Policy and Delivery team will provide an overview of the work that has been undertaken to date in the development of the draft Rural Policy Framework and answer any questions you may have in advance of you completing your consultation response via the online survey. The dates and consultation event themes are outlined below:

Virtual Consultation Event Consultation Event Date

Overview of Rural Policy Framework for NI Monday 19 July at 7pm
Thematic Pillar 1: Innovation & Entrepreneurship Tuesday 27 July at 7pm
Thematic Pillar 2: Sustainable Tourism Wednesday 4 August at 7pm
Thematic Pillar 3: Health and Wellbeing Thursday 12 August at 7pm
Thematic Pillar 4: Employment Tuesday 17 August at 7pm
Thematic Pillar 5: Connectivity Wednesday 25 August at 7pm
Recap of Rural Policy Framework for NI Tuesday 31 August at 7pm

Registration for each event will open approximately 1 week before the event. For more information on each event and how to register visit: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/rural-policy-framework-northern-ireland-consultation>