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Dear Sir/Madam

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The Carnegie UK Trust welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the proposed restructure of Planning Policy Wales (PPW). The Trust works to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work. Our Strategic Plan (2016-2020) takes a holistic approach to wellbeing and outlines our work as focusing on [‘Enabling Wellbeing’](#); [‘Flourishing Towns’](#); [‘Fulfilling Work’](#); and [‘Digital Futures’](#).

The Trust commends Wales’ world-leading approach to legislating for wellbeing through the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The passing and continuing implementation of the Act has been raised in a number of our conversations with stakeholders across Wales, and was the subject of much discussion amongst international delegates at an [event on wellbeing](#) we organised in 2017 at the OECD. The Well-being of Future Generations legislation presents significant opportunities for public bodies in Wales to improve wellbeing, but also poses challenges to traditional ways of thinking and working.

In the summer of 2017, the Trust convened two roundtable discussions in Merthyr Tydfil and Llandudno Junction to discuss the [opportunities and challenges for Welsh towns](#). One of the recommendations that emerged from these conversations was that Welsh Government should lead the behaviour and culture change required by the Well-being of Future Generations legislation. The Future Generations Commissioner has also [stressed](#) the need for strong leadership to make the most of the opportunities offered by the legislation. The Trust commends the Welsh Government for restructuring Planning Policy Wales in line with the seven wellbeing goals and five ways of working set out in the Act.

In addition to legislation, placemaking also requires high quality data at the right level to allow local areas to better evidence their planning needs, determine local priorities, and keep up to date with economic and demographic shifts to ensure that services are fit for purpose. We are pleased to be partnering with Welsh Government to develop [Understanding Welsh Places](#) (UWP) to collate data-driven insights that will inform national and local policy decisions, contribute to more empowered and resilient communities, and

improve the wellbeing of individuals. We hope that the final tool will be of value to planners across Wales.

We hope that you find these comments helpful, and that the networking session at the *Searching for Space* event in Cardiff last month provided valuable input into your consultation. Thank you once again for hosting a table and poster presentation during the networking session at the event. If you would like to discuss any of our towns work further, please contact me on lauren@carnegieuk.org – I would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Pennycook".

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