



# Integrated Well-being Appraisal

**Integrated Well-being Appraisal is required as part of the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance. Our Integrated Well-being Appraisal for the draft North Wales Regional Transport Plan shows how our policies will contribute to well-being. This includes consideration of impacts related to issues such as the environment, health, equality, culture and Welsh language, children's rights and biodiversity.**

Integrated Well-being Appraisal is not just a 'tick box' exercise. As well as meeting the statutory duty for a range of impact assessments, the assessment outcomes must be used to show how well-being has been addressed; designing in benefits whilst designing out any potentially harmful impacts. Integrated Well-being Appraisal addresses four key questions based on the four ambitions in the Wales Transport Strategy:

**How will the programme or project benefit people and communities?** (equality, health and safety and confidence)

**How will it benefit the environment?** (reducing carbon emissions, benefiting biodiversity and ecosystems resilience and reducing waste)

**How will it benefit places and the economy?** (place-making, innovation, freight)

**How will it benefit culture and the Welsh language?** (arts and sport and the historic environment)

In helping answer these questions, the Integrated Well-being Appraisal combines the requirements of several impact assessments, including ones that are statutory, such as Strategic Environmental Assessment, and Equalities Impact Assessment, among others. It also includes non-statutory assessments such as Health Impact Assessment, and others that consider rural areas and climate change.

**Key findings include:**

## **Positive impacts**

Improved access to services, reduced social isolation, enhanced physical and mental health, and support for economic growth.

## **Negative impacts**

Potential adverse effects on biodiversity, noise, air pollution and water quality from infrastructure development.

Recommendations have been made to help avoid or mitigate negative impacts, such as incorporating biodiversity protection measures, ensuring accessibility in transport design, and promoting the use of zero-emission vehicles. Overall, we consider that the Regional Transport Plan has the potential to enhance the well-being of North Wales residents by promoting sustainable and integrated transport solutions which meet the needs of the communities they aim to serve.

