

Planning for Sport and Recreation

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Assembly Government Policy



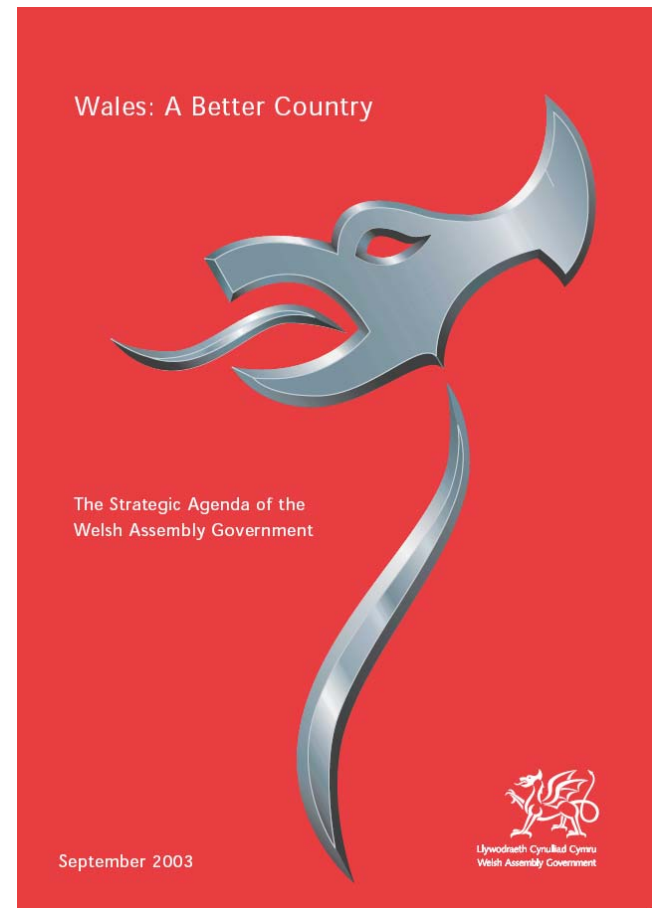
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“Wales: A Better Country”

Vision for:

- **Improved Health**
- **Strong, safe communities**

Health important in ALL policy areas





One Wales

A progressive agenda
for the
government of Wales

*An agreement between the Labour and Plaid
Cymru Groups in the National Assembly*

27th June 2007

“One Wales: A Progressive Agenda for the Government of Wales”

**Sets out to create a Wales that is fairer,
more prosperous, healthier and better
educated**

Encourages:

- **Sport**
- **Physical activity**
- **Enjoyment of the natural
environment**

Other Policies



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“Welsh Assembly Government Play Policy” (2002)



“Climbing Higher” (2005)

“Food and Fitness” (2006)



“A Walking and Cycling Action Plan for Wales” (2009)

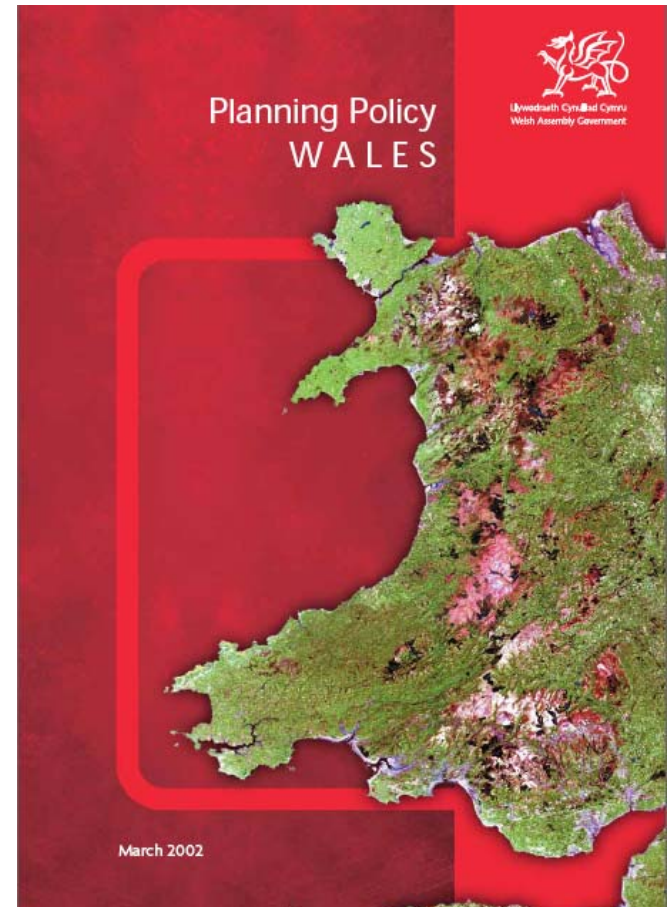
"Planning Policy Wales" (2002)



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Sets out

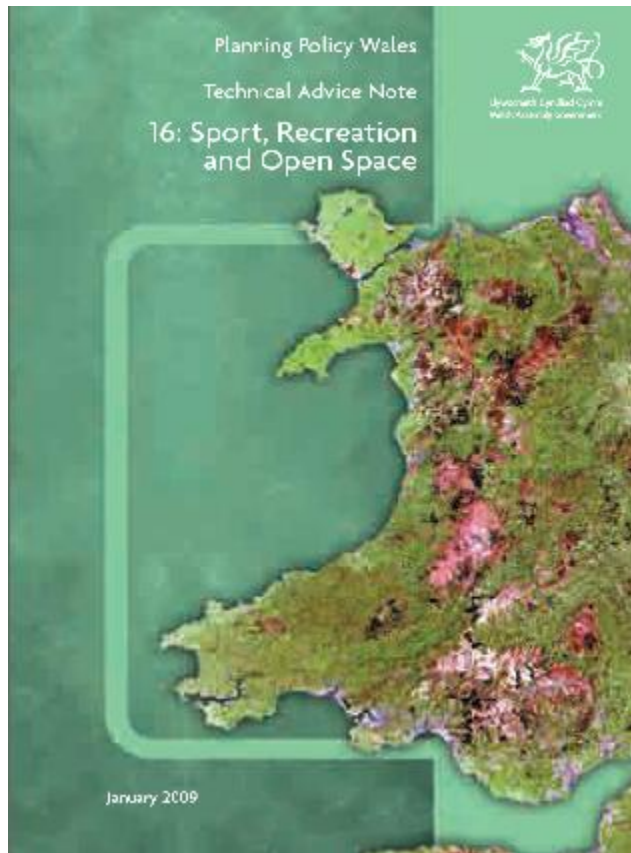
- **National policy for Local Development Plans and planning decision making**
- **To create sustainable patterns of development with accessible sport and recreation facilities, and open spaces**
- **To protect both formal and informal open spaces from development**



TAN 16 "Sport, Recreation and Open Space" (2009)



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Replaced "TAN 16: Sport and Recreation", published in 1998, which provided limited guidance

Development started in 2002, with input from Technical Advisory Group

Public consultation in July 2006

Published February 2009

Reflects Assembly Government policies, views of consultees and Technical Advisory Group

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- **Wider scope than original TAN 16**
- **Expands on PPW protection of playing fields (PPW para 11.1.11)**
- **Provision of facilities for children and young people**
- **Design, accessibility, noise, lighting and maintenance**
- **OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENTS - audits of existing provision and a local assessment of need; particularly important for LDPs**
- **OSA is recommended NOT required**
- **Refers to Fields In Trust (formerly NPFA) Benchmark Standards**

What now?



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- **Positive feedback on TAN but some concern that OSA is not compulsory**
- **TAN 16 should be used by authorities preparing LDPs**
- **Provides a framework for decisions involving sport and recreation facilities – often extremely contentious where loss of playing fields is involved**
- **Planning is an important way of delivering Assembly Government policies, particularly for health and well-being**
- **Emphasis on increasing physical activity, walking and cycling**



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