
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Countryside Access (Draft Maps) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Preparation of draft map

3.—(1) A draft map prepared by the Council may relate to such area as the Council may determine, having regard to local authority boundaries, the areas for which local access forums have been established, the boundaries of National Parks and of areas of outstanding natural beauty and the location of natural and other geographical features including mountains, rivers and highways.

(2) The map base on which a draft map is drawn may include areas in respect of which section 4(2) land is intended to be shown as such on another draft map but in such case the map base must clearly identify the boundaries of the area in respect of which it is the draft map.

(3) A draft map must be prepared to a scale of not less than 1:10,000 or, if it is not possible to achieve that scale using the base map technology reasonably available to the Council, the largest scale practicable using that base map technology, but where it is necessary or desirable for the purpose of accurately showing a part of the boundary of any section 4(2) land that the draft map, or an inset map, be prepared to a larger scale, the Council must do so either by preparing a draft map to such larger scale or by including on or annexed to a draft map of the general area an inset map to such larger scale and, where an inset map is not included on the draft map itself, by noting on the relevant area of the draft map the fact that an inset map of that area has been prepared and how access to that inset map is to be obtained.

(4) Where the boundary of an area of section 4(2) land is shown both on the draft map of the general area and on an inset map of larger scale prepared in accordance with paragraph (3) the representation of that boundary on the inset map is to be taken to be its representation on the draft map.

(5) A draft map, and any inset map, must, unless it is not reasonably practicable to do so, be prepared in electronic form but must be capable of being reproduced in printed form and the Council must ensure that the draft map and any inset map relating to it is at all times readily identifiable as such.

(6) A draft map must separately identify those areas of section 4(2) land which consist of open country, and those which consist of registered common land, and may identify any other relevant features, by the use of such different colours, shading, lines and symbols as the Council may think fit but all draft maps and any copies of draft maps produced under paragraph (7) must show each such class of section 4(2) land and all such other features by use of the corresponding colours, shading, lines or other symbols as the case may be.

(7) The Council may for the purpose of discharging its duty to issue a draft map under section 5(a) of the Act, or for any purpose incidental thereto, produce and publish copies of the draft map in such form, including electronic form, as it may determine and any such copy published by or with the authority of the Council shall be deemed to be identical to the draft map unless the contrary is shown.

(8) The Council shall, for the purpose of illustrating the existence and extent of the section 4(2) land shown on one or more draft maps, and for the purpose of making available for inspection copies of the draft map in accordance with regulation 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b), or for complying with a request of a kind referred to in regulation 4(2)(f), produce and publish copies of draft maps showing such section 4(2) land, which may be at a scale of less than 1:10,000 but not less than 1:25,000.

- (9) Copies of draft maps produced under paragraph (8):
- (a) must clearly identify the classes of section 4(2) land and other features referred to in paragraph (6) which appear on the draft map of which they are copies, but the colours (if any), shading, lines or other symbols used to do so need not be identical to those used for that purpose on that draft map;
 - (b) are not to be regarded as evidence of the contents of those draft maps.
- (10) The Council must, for the purpose of ensuring that all draft maps which it prepares are as accurate as possible, use such relevant data as is reasonably available to it.