

British National Party Welsh Assembly Manifesto 2007



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Welsh Assembly Election Manifesto

All the devolved responsibilities of the Welsh Assembly are meaningless in a regime where most matters of national, regional and local importance are constrained by legislation emanating from an unelected group of commissioners in Europe. Although it is an issue beyond the legislative abilities of the Welsh Assembly, all BNP Assembly Members will use their influence to pressure the Westminster regime to withdraw from the European Union. At best we will constantly remind the Welsh electorate exactly why many issues of policy cannot be enacted because of the limits placed upon the Welsh Assembly by the directives coming from the institutions of the EU.

BNP Assembly Members will hold every political party and every politician to account for their pitiful and deafening silence on the two great unmentionables of our times: the Multi-Cultural Society and the European Union. We will expose the scandals of politically correct spending of public finances and highlight corruption and inefficiency from within.

That said there is much that can still be achieved through the Welsh Assembly and the BNP is committed to working at all levels to achieve genuine equality of opportunity for all Welsh people, aspiring towards academic excellence, a healthy nation with homes fit for the 21st century, a thriving and prosperous small business environment and a clean and pleasant environment for all to enjoy. Unlike UKIP we believe that the Assembly has a valuable purpose as a layer of devolved government within the UK as a whole. In keeping with this position we campaign in England for a specifically English Parliament with the same powers and, when that is achieved, we would change the title and status of the Welsh Assembly to the Welsh Parliament.

The British National Party is the voice of ordinary people who are frustrated and angry about the present and fearful of their future. They are witnessing the decline of a once proud nation which as part of Britain played its role in some of the most important developments in history; from advances in engineering and medicine to outpourings of music, art and literary culture. Its bravest forebears witnessed victory in battle on every continent on this planet; its brightest minds have constructed magnificent cathedrals, civic buildings, bridges and canals.

Now the people are at last prepared to speak. Their voice is one of common sense, reflecting the views that the overwhelming majority of the people of Wales think but yet are often afraid to utter. The voice that must address the pressing issues that blight our nation and our childrens' future. The voice of the British National Party in Wales.

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Rebuilding Democracy & Dismantling State Surveillance

- ☑ We champion local communities
- ☑ As much power as is practical will be devolved down to local level
- ☑ Representatives on other tiers of local government (District, County, Region) will be capable of being recalled
- ☑ We oppose compulsory biometric identity cards
- ☑ Integrity of government held data
- ☑ Abolish anti-free speech laws
- ☑ Sack Richard Brunstrom
- ☑ Police investigation of the BBC
- ☑ No foreign constitution

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We believe in principle that power should be devolved down to the lowest level that is sensible or practical, given economies of scale. In practice this means that as much political power as possible should be devolved down to the level of the parish, town or community council.

The BNP maintains its commitment to accountability by offering the Welsh electorate a “back us or sack us” pledge. A legally binding contract will exist between BNP Assembly Members and the electorate of the region each one represents. We pledge that after a period of 12 months a period which allows our elected members to get to grips with the job if the electorate is dissatisfied with the performance of an individual BNP Assembly Member then gather 66% of the electorate in that region and sack us.

We trust that such a pledge will break the apathy and disillusionment with the whole political process which is prevalent in our nation today.

The BNP will oppose the imposition of compulsory biometric identity cards by the State in all its guises. We maintain it is not for the people of Wales to need to justify our existence to the State, but rather for the State to justify its existence to the people of Wales.

We will work to restore the integrity of government organizations in their handling and security of personal details and the data of individuals. We will stop such data being sent out of the country for 'processing', and we will end the abhorrent practice of government held data being sold to anyone who wishes to buy it.

We are committed to rescinding all anti-free speech laws, and we will vigorously defend the right to freedom of assembly for all British citizens.

Richard Brunstrom, head of North Wales police, is perhaps the worst example of a careerist Politically Correct Chief Constable in the country. His obsession with tax-trap speed cameras and minority rights is an embarrassment and an insult to the people of the area. Our AMs will campaign ceaselessly to have him sacked and replaced by an officer in touch with the concerns of the law-abiding, tax-paying majority and of ordinary police officers.

We will instigate an independent police investigation of the BBC for breaching its Royal Charter in its unbalanced reporting of current affairs, information and opinions, and will also instigate an independent police investigation into the

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financial relationship between the BBC and the EU and its institutions.

The BNP is pledged to effect Britain's withdrawal from the European State at the earliest opportunity, in order to rebuild a sovereign Britain where true democracy, freedom of speech and proper government by consensus through elected and answerable representatives will prevail. We reject any devious or underhanded attempt by the State to impose any foreign constitution on the British people.

Neither the unconstitutional and treacherous transfer of sovereignty of present and future generations of the British people to unelected foreign EU commissioners nor the imposition of a multicultural society has ever been discussed or debated amongst the electorate. We will instigate an independent police investigation into the signatories of the Maastricht Treaty, and those responsible for the illegal transfer of sovereign powers to a foreign state, with a view to criminal proceedings under the 1351 Treason Act and the 1848 Treason and Felony Act.



Slash The Council Tax Burden

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- ☑ **Compel Government to live within its means. All politicians of all parties must be reminded constantly that there is no such thing as 'government money' - only taxes raised taken from the people**
- ☑ **Cut local spending by abolishing all multicultural and politically correct posts and ending the funding of all multi-cultural, multi ethnic and politically correct schemes**
- ☑ **Campaign against any further asylum seeker and East European economic migration into Wales**
- ☑ **A fair sliding scale of benefits available to pensioners and the low paid**
- ☑ **No Non-Domestic Rate relief for non-British and non indigenous cultural, ethnic and religious charitable expressions**
- ☑ **Extra Non-Domestic Rate relief available for local businesses, local Post Offices and high street shops**
- ☑ **A greater rateable charge levied on out of town shopping centres through a higher assessment made on car parking spaces.**

A core imperative is to create a society of 'stakeholders' and a representative popular democracy. The term 'No taxation without representation' is apt as is its reverse 'No representation without taxation'. With rights comes responsibility. In terms of central taxation our policy is to reduce the tax burden on poorer and middle income families and reduce welfare dependency by encouraging people back to work by increasing the tax free band to £15,000. People who earn below £15,000 would still however be taxpayers as they would be paying VAT for example.

Our aim for local taxation is to cut the bills for all residents council tax bills have risen far faster than inflation, while many essential local services have been cut to the bone - while at the same time endeavouring to ensure that as many people as possible contribute towards local taxation, under the principal that this encourages responsible citizenship and tends to enhance stakeholderhood.

We would keep council tax as the primary local form of taxation. It is a property tax with a personal element and there is an existing method of collecting it. As it is based on a property it is practical for a local authority to assess the total local liability and so calculate its own budget.

Council tax as a source of local government revenue has fallen into disrepute primarily because the bills have risen so much. We need a system that is seen to be fair, not too costly to the resident, not too bureaucratic to collect, and which enhances local responsibility/accountability and the independence and self reliance of our local communities. Most local residents will contribute towards local tax, but without overburdening the low paid and pensioners who would be in receipt of a sliding scale of council tax benefit which would cover a fair proportion of their council tax liability.

The reason council tax bills have risen so much are due to several factors. The first is that the central government grant to local authorities has been cut year-on-year. This may seem a strange situation with central government taxes rising constantly. However central taxation is being wasted on an increasingly bloated, inefficient and wasteful bureaucracy and on funding the massive increase in asylum seekers and migrants who have been flooding into this country and placing a huge burden on services and the welfare system.

A large proportion of the burden of paying for asylum seekers and other migrants falls directly on local authorities (as was candidly admitted in a recent report commissioned by London Councils and compiled by the London School

of Economics) and this is another reason for the huge hike in council tax bills (which strange to say has coincided with the massive tidal wave of migration to this country).

Even the presence of cheap East European labour, while according to some theories an economic benefit, in fact adds to the cost of providing essential services and, by creating higher unemployment and benefit dependency among our own poor increases the overall tax burden that has to be shouldered by our taxpayers.

Lastly local authorities are either obliged (through central government or European regulation) or they do it for their own treasonable politically correct reasons, to implement a whole host of costly schemes and grants to ethnic minority and multi-cultural groups, causes, projects and initiatives, including foreign language courses and interpreters which both drain away financial resources that could be put to much better use, and at the same time erode the social cohesion of local communities. BNP AMs, even though as a minority powerless to stop such things, will at least act as 'whistleblowers', bringing to the attention of the taxpayers the ways in which the majority liberal-left consensus within the Assembly waste huge sums of money on Politically Correct schemes that the public would find totally unacceptable.

The other form of local taxation is the National Non-Domestic Rate, which is levied on businesses. The NNDR is set by central government, billed and collected by local authorities, but the revenue is passed to central government where it is pooled and redistributed to local authorities based on a formula that establishes relative 'need'. We would continue with this practice with the following exceptions:

Relief from payment of all or part of the NNDR is available to charities. We would not allow this relief to be payable to charities that promote any form of multi-culturalism, multi-racism, nor to non indigenous religious groups. Giving official sanction to foreign cultural and religious expressions undermines the social fabric of the country and of the local community. Indeed it would be a central governmental policy to overhaul the Charity Commission and debar from having charitable status any organisation that promotes multi-culturalism, multi-racism and foreign religions. The provision of any public money to non-British or non-indigenous religious, ethnic or cultural activities would be strictly prohibited.

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Limited relief is available currently to 'village shops' and business that are deemed to provide an important local amenity. We would extend this to allow local authorities the discretion to provide relief from NNDR to a wider range of local high street shops, local Post Offices and locally important businesses that may provide local employment.

No form of rate relief would be allowed for out of town shopping malls. Instead they should be penalised by applying a higher rating to the car parking spaces. This would discourage the current habit of people driving long distances to these shopping areas.



A Home For All

- ☑ No building on green belt
- ☑ Public for rent housing brought back under democratic control
- ☑ Support for right to buy
- ☑ Bulldoze high rise flats and concrete jungles and replace with houses built on a human scale
- ☑ Priority to local people

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We vigorously oppose the building of new houses on green belt land. Although there is a drastic housing shortage, we recognise that this is largely caused by the massive influx of bogus asylum seekers and economic migrants. Anyone who supports new housing schemes is indirectly facilitating the influx of these migrants. We broadly support urban infilling, with derelict land being re-utilised, but not where this would create too dense levels of urban dwelling nor where it would put too much strain on the local infrastructure (roads, schools, hospitals etc). We would not necessarily oppose the redevelopment of factory or business units into residential accommodation, our stance would be taken on a case by case basis, with the wishes of existing local residents carrying the most weight in such decisions.

We oppose any further schemes to privatise the provision of public sector housing. Wales's housing stock is part of the common wealth of the nation and as such we will take back under direct democratic control any public sector housing that has been disposed of to housing corporations or housing associations.

We would however encourage the right to buy scheme. This is an excellent opportunity to create a responsible stakeholding property owning population. A local authority would however be obliged to ensure that there is a sensible and fair proportion of rentable council housing available. All revenues obtained from council house sales should be made available to build new council houses, which will be available at affordable rents.

In principle we oppose the building of high rise housing and cheap concrete jungle estates, so beloved by Labour run councils. These are dehumanising and destroy any community feeling. Existing estates will be bulldozed and replaced by housing built on a more human scale.

Priority in the allocation of social housing should go to local people, with family connections to the area. Asylum seekers and economic migrants should not qualify for social housing. Social housing should be reserved for British citizens only. Asylum seekers should be housed in secure temporary accommodation until they can be returned to one of the safe countries through which they passed to get to Soft Touch Britain.



A Healthy Nation

- ☑ **Bring health care provision under local democratic control**
- ☑ **No recruitment of staff from abroad**
- ☑ **A return to discipline, hierarchies and cleanliness**
- ☑ **Free health service not for health tourists or for cosmetic treatments**
- ☑ **End exploitation of patients by management trusts**
- ☑ **Cut the bureaucracy**
- ☑ **Fighting the war on drugs**

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Hospitals (and health service provision in general) should be brought under local democratic control. Although the level of funding should be set by central government, local control of how the budget is spent is vital to ensure the proper provision of such services as local health centres, GP services and dental services. It is also essential that there is local democratic control over the provision of such vital health services as casualty and maternity centres.

It is a national disgrace that some 40% of Welsh patients are unable to register with a NHS dentist.

We will not tolerate health service provision based on a 'postcode lottery' system, wherever you live in Wales, you should be entitled to receive the same (highest) standard of health service provision as anywhere else in Britain. There should also be an efficient, readily available out of hours emergency service for accident and casualty cases, and for emergency out of hours dental treatment.

As things stand decisions are made by health service managers with no regard to local opinion.

Greater funding should be made available for OAP care homes by cutting back on such things as politically correct schemes and foreign language schemes.

We oppose as a matter of principle the recruitment of foreign staff in the health service. These staff are inevitably trained to a different standard compared to domestically trained staff and there is the added problem that many are unable to speak English to the required standard and that means they are not able to communicate effectively with many frail, vulnerable or elderly patients.

It is also the case that recruiting foreign health workers is a form of theft. It is totally immoral, and a shocking example of inverted racism, to entice away health workers from countries that have a far greater need for these workers than we in fact do. We should be able to recruit and keep (through decent remuneration) our own staff from this country. Recruiting staff from abroad is no solution. It is a disgraceful and bankrupt policy. The only exception would be the temporary employment of foreign specialists for use in training our health service staff to levels of excellence.

Standards should be raised in the health service by bringing back the sort of strict discipline and hierarchies that were the norm in the 1960s. This will include strict standards of cleanliness again that used to be the norm prior to

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the decline caused by Thatcherite 'marketisation' policies and which will help to eliminate the shocking rates of MRSA which kill and infect thousands of patients every year, and which costs the health service a fortune in compensation.

The health service must only be there for UK citizens. Health 'tourists' would not be allowed to have free health care. The health service must also only be for essential treatments. Superficial cosmetic and lifestyle treatments must not be provided for free on the health service.

The revenue raising exploitation of patients by management trusts using taxpayer funded resources is immoral. We will end the practice of such rackets as 'pay and display' hospital car parking, extortionate charges for incoming and outgoing telephone calls for patients and 'pay to view' TV for patients etc.

The bureaucracy of the health service must be slashed dramatically so more money is available for expensive but vital treatments, more beds and more doctors and nurses. With the health service being controlled by the local authorities, and run on a day-to-day basis by experience medical staff rather than by target-obsessed managers, the current wasteful duplication of bureaucracy will be eliminated.

Many of Wales's cities and rural communities are blighted by drug use. We will build a network of drugs rehabilitation clinics to assist in the war against this scourge. In addition to helping the addicts get clean, we will also press for zero tolerance of all drugs, in schools and other institutions, and above all by the police. We will campaign tirelessly for the reversal of the medically and socially disastrous downgrading of cannabis, and for life sentences for the pushers of Class A drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine.



Educating For Excellence

- ☑ Uniform good standard of education
- ☑ Support for traditional teaching methods
- ☑ Schools to be beacons for local culture
- ☑ More vocational training
- ☑ We oppose the selling of existing playing fields

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It is important that a uniform good standard of local education is provided for all throughout Wales, with the requirement that certain minimum standards are adhered to. In accordance with our aim to devolve democratic accountability to the lowest level,

there should be a degree of local influence over local education policy. School governing bodies together with parents should be able to have a say in what emphasis should be placed and in how a proportion of a schools' budget should be spent (above meeting minimum uniform standard criteria). Thus, parents themselves should be able to influence to a degree whether their school places more or less emphasis on language, science, music or sport facilities for example.

Greater power should be devolved to parents, through governing bodies with respect to the hiring and firing of staff (for example the incompetent or those who try to push their own agenda), and the appointment of governors, who within limits could set the curriculum and decide policy on school uniforms and corporal punishment.

There would be a degree of central direction in education - in such matters as:

- A return to traditional teaching methods with emphasis placed on the 3Rs**
- A return to discipline in the classroom, including the reintroduction of corporal punishment**
- The reintroduction of competitive sports**
- The encouragement of healthy outdoor activity and opposition to the selling off of sports fields**
- An emphasis on the appreciation for Welsh history and culture**
- A ban on politically correct indoctrination**

While it is in some instances wholly appropriate to include study of foreign languages, customs, history, geography and religion, this should be done in the context that they are foreign.

Our educational establishments should be training people to be good citizens and useful employees in the workplace, so that our children leave school with the ability to compete and prosper.

Schools would become beacons in reviving and cherishing local history,

traditions and culture.

Our universities should be centres of academic excellence. Absolute numbers of graduates leaving university are meaningless if there are no relevant jobs for graduates. Individuals and the nation in general may have benefited more if those individuals had undertaken a course at another centre of learning undergoing vocational training or trades apprenticeships. To this end we would raise the entry requirements for all Welsh universities.

Once in national government we would provide all young people with the academic ability necessary to benefit from a university education, and undertaking courses for which there is genuine economic or social need, would receive full state-funding throughout their degree course. This would be free in return for their prior participation in a universal two year National Service scheme. In the meantime, BNP AMs would strive at every possible opportunity to help to minimise the burden of debt on students and graduates.



Policing For Safer Communities

- ☑ Police force must act closely with elected representatives
- ☑ Local police stations to remain open longer
- ☑ A return to genuine 'beat' policing
- ☑ House the police in the community
- ☑ Stricter sentencing
- ☑ Abolition of surveillance cameras as a means of raising revenue
- ☑ CCTV used as a temporary measure until harmony is restored to our communities

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The Police force should be integrated into the community and work closely with local elected representatives.

We call for local police stations to be manned for longer hours instead of police services being centralised in often distant locations.

Police should be accommodated in social housing on council estates and other residential areas. This will provide a local police presence in these areas, making them part of the community, as well as offering the police free housing.

We do not agree with the recruitment of Community Support Officers who are under-trained and have too few powers. More proper police should be recruited if there is the need.

We will abolish all 'tax-trap' speed surveillance cameras on our roads, except those which are in clearly identified accident blackspots the revenue from which will be used to fund support for accident victims, not to support government budgets. We will restore proper policing of our roads. We also oppose any attempts by government to impose 'spy-in-the-car' devices for any purpose, whether for 'pay as you drive' charging or for 'surveillance tracking' by the state.

In theory we oppose the installation of CCTV cameras in our communities as we oppose all aspects of the surveillance state. We believe in small government and individual liberty. However, the autocratic liberal regime has presided over a near total breakdown in law and order. This breakdown has been caused by a collapse in civic responsibility. We live in a society where there is little or no pride in a local area. Where there is little community spirit, where elderly people, the frail and the vulnerable are not valued, but are viewed by significant sections of the population as easy targets. To reduce crime we must rebuild the bonds that bind society together around shared values and a shared identity. Unfortunately, until this is done we must rely upon CCTV cameras in our town centres.

We must have more visible policing. We must have strict sentencing. We must support the victims of crime and be harsh with the perpetrators. We are not so concerned with the rights of the guilty they give up their civil rights when they commit crime against the innocent and hence the community as a whole.

The Police should concentrate on the pursuit of proper criminals and stop

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harassing motorists and other safe, easy to target (and basically law abiding) people. The Police should not be bound by political correctness in targeting criminality, nor should the police be swamped in red tape, particularly the form-filling imposed on them by the last conservative government's PACE Act, which we are pledged to abolish.

Until that can be done, minority BNP Ams will support any measure which helps to put more officers on the streets of our communities to fight crime, and oppose any proposals which tend to make the police even more remote, unaccountable or more powerful with regards to law-abiding citizens.



Business

- ☑ Reduce burden of bureaucracy
- ☑ Roll out broadband beyond the towns
- ☑ Living treasures
- ☑ A world leader in renewable energy

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Local businesses would be encouraged through rate relief, planning laws and by encouraging local pride.

We would ensure that business is not smothered in red tape and constant inspection by local snoopers and busybodies.

We will commission a review into the calculation and application of business rates by Welsh local authorities to ensure that Welsh based businesses are not disadvantaged compared to those operating in other parts of the UK.

The rural/urban divide in access to the latest technology must be bridged. We are pledged to financially assist the roll out of high-speed broadband telecoms services beyond our towns and cities rural communities should not be disadvantaged from gaining access to this vital business tool.

We continue to promote our "Living Treasures" programme. Not all businesses are or need be hi-tech, we will ensure the survival of the traditional trades and crafts that have been passed down through the centuries. The wisdom inherent in the old crafts of weaving, musical instrument manufacture, stone-wall construction, farriers, saddlers and others must never be lost. Under the programme there will be Assembly funding to allow these small enterprises and cottage industries to take on apprentices, thereby ensuring those skills are passed on and continue the development of quality products for the domestic and export markets.

Wales's coastline readily lends itself to the harnessing of the power of the sea. We would encourage the research, development and implementation of power generation in those areas identified as being best suited for such undertakings. The business opportunities that exist in this sector are enormous and Wales must aim to be a world leader in renewable energy engineering and technology.

We recognize that at present levels of technological development, windfarms are little more than highly subsidized environmental tokenism. We will oppose the construction of any more in Wales, whether on land or offshore.



Putting Welsh Culture First

- ☑ Indigenous culture before all others
- ☑ Preserving differences
- ☑ Living treasures
- ☑ Maximum support for the Welsh language in the appropriate areas

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Culture is a much neglected but very important subject. We wish to create a society of stakeholders where residents feel it is their community; that they are a vital part of it. Promoting the culture, the history of a district is a vital ingredient in helping to establish a local community feeling. These local cultures developed over centuries of human interaction. The liberal regime has deliberately tried to destroy local particularism in a bid for conformity and dull uniformity.

Mass immigration is particularly damaging to poor communities and areas, and to places where ancient local cultures are already under threat from the homogenisation encouraged by globalisation. It is therefore even more of a threat in Wales than in England, since we have an unusual concentration both of poverty and an endangered indigenous culture and language of our own. BNP AMs will at all times base their policies and voting decisions on the principle that local people and the culture of local communities must be put first.

Local councils would be responsible for encouraging local festivals and officially celebrate events such as St. David's Day.

Local councils would also be expected to celebrate and mark traditional festivals such as Easter and Christmas. No public body would be allowed to officially celebrate or mark a non-indigenous festival or holiday.

Local councils would not be expected to spend large sums of money on these events but would act as sponsor to local voluntary efforts.

The schools, libraries, museums and civic theatres would all be expected to contribute in different ways all year round to the cultural health of our local communities.

Culture of course is not just a historic entity. Our unique culture needs to be kept alive in the face of globalisation and standardisation. We will develop our key crafts and traditions through the "Living Treasures" programme mentioned in the business policy section.

The Welsh language and culture needs to be fostered and encouraged so as to ensure its survival. However, an intelligent and sensible sense of proportion is required with the aim to encourage voluntary participation by free will, as determined by local democratic choice and not, as has been the case, by being

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used simply as a political tool. Whilst some legislation may be required to ensure the protection of the Welsh Language as a living medium, great care must be taken to avoid artificial and draconian legislation for purely political reasons, the effect of which can be divisive and exclude the over 80% of Welsh people who do not speak Welsh.

Within the Welsh-speaking heartland of the Bro Cymraeg, however, we would expect and encourage local councils to take active steps to ensure that house and job provision is weighted in favour of local Welsh speakers. We recognize that the preservation of local particularisms and indigenous culture takes effort and money, and affirm that the price is worth paying.

BNP Wales would actively encourage the development of living participation spectacles, historical re-enactment and pageants. Wales is part of the western European family of nations and public sponsorship of the Arts in general must reflect that family association.



Food From Our Farms

- The threat from Europe**
- Local is best**
- Ban on Halal**
- Eliminate chemical pesticides**
- No GM crops**
- Protect Wales's fishermen**

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Welsh farmers and fishermen and the rural communities that depend upon them are under threat. They are also endangered by the agricultural policies of the EU, and while Europe continues to hold sway over our food production, the Welsh Assembly is effectively powerless to provide the much needed assistance our communities need. Wales alone cannot withdraw from the EU, but as part of our British platform we will engage a debate to remove all of the UK wholly from the EU. We will continue to work with our neighbours in Europe on issues where we can both assist and mutually benefit. Under the banner “local is best” we will encourage by legislative and financial means and public moral pressure - all public bodies to buy locally produced food for schools, hospitals, police canteens, prisons and other outlets.

A Government sponsored Organic Foods Advisory body will be set up to accelerate the switch to organic methods of food production.

We are committed to ban the horrific practice of Halal ritual slaughter anywhere in Wales on the grounds of animal cruelty. In addition we will end the supply, use and distribution of all Halal ritual slaughter derived products by all publicly funded organizations within Wales. This will include schools and educational establishments where Halal products are currently provided without the knowledge nor consent of parents and children.

We are committed to reduce and ultimately eliminate the use of artificial pesticides. To this end we would introduce a pesticide license scheme whereby a potential user of man-made synthetic pesticides would have to persuade the supervisory agency that such use was the best possible solution to deal with the specific local pest issue. We would take all necessary steps to ensure that any extra costs this may incur would be borne not by the farmers or consumers, but by the supermarket chains which at present ruthlessly exploit producers and customers alike.

The planting of genetically modified crops in Wales will not be permitted and we work towards excluding their use in any products we must import.

The plight of Wales's fishermen must be addressed urgently. The Welsh Assembly has no jurisdiction over our coastal waters, regrettably this power lies with Europe and we repeat what was said above, withdrawal from the EU is essential to allow us to regain control of this vital economic activity.



Planning & Licensing

- Local people decide
- No developments on green belt
- VAT on new builds not brownfield developments

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As already stated we oppose building on green belt land. We not oppose the re-utilisation of buildings (or sites of existing buildings) for residential purposes, whether it be industrial, commercial or agricultural buildings. We would give residents greater control over building on their own land. As a matter of policy we would oppose planning applications to build or convert buildings into non indigenous cultural or religious centres.

Planning applications for large out of town developments are unlikely to be granted.

In general we would leave it to the local community to decide the appropriate level and hours of licensing for pubs and clubs. All areas are different. What is appropriate for Cardiff or Wrexham would not be appropriate for a small village. We do not believe this is an area that central government should decide on, so complete discretion should be devolved down to the most local level practical.

The anomaly that currently exists in the VAT regimes on housing construction will be removed. Currently building projects on brownfield developments are liable for VAT whereas new builds on greenfield sites carry no VAT, thereby encouraging developers to develop greenfield sites. We propose levying VAT on new developments thereby harmonising the system and discouraging such intrusion onto greenfield sites.

The recent flooding problems have been exasperated by the use of reclaimed wet lands forcing the natural drainage systems to seek alternate areas, causing major economic and social disasters. These reclaimed areas also destroy the habitats of many native plants and animals already under threat. We will halt further use of such wet lands for building



Refuse & Recycling

- Weekly collections
- Encourage local recycling not international shipping
- Zero tolerance on litter

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There should be weekly waste collections, which must remain free, since charging will encourage illegal tipping which will cost even more in terms of health problems and clean-up expenses.

Recycling should be carried out weekly at the same time as the normal rubbish clearance takes place. It is inevitably the case that if it is not clear and completely obvious to residents when the recycling collections will take place and if they are not carried out regularly, then they will be less inclined to recycle.

Local council tips/ recycling centres should be open more regular hours and should be less inclined to turn away people who wish to leave items as this encourages fly tipping.

Regional and national recycling businesses must be encouraged to recycle the materials collected. The current situation where millions of tonnes of recyclable material including plastics, circuit boards, steel and cardboard is shipped to China and India makes a mockery of environmental concerns. This situation can only be altered by using tax and regulation powers to stimulate demand for recycled materials, rather than using the stick of charging for the removal of waste. For example, every single glass and plastic bottle made in or imported to the UK should be sold with a returnable deposit, thereby turning every child in the country into an eager volunteer 'bottle recycling operative'.

We will enforce a zero tolerance on litter it is neither pleasant or safe for residents and tourists alike to see many of our beautiful town centres and coastlines, parks and gardens blighted by litter. We will replace financial fines for those litter louts with community service orders to participate in street, coast and park clean up operations.



KEEPING WALES MOVING

- ☑ Free parking in centres
- ☑ Open rail links
- ☑ Switch freight to rail and water
- ☑ Limit weight of goods vehicles
- ☑ Abolish tolls on the Severn Bridge

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Local authorities have a tendency to abuse their control over local roads by putting double yellow lines on all available spaces and charging for parking in every available plot. This has the effect of killing commerce in town centres and driving trade to out of town shopping centres. It also penalises local residents and makes it difficult for people to visit relatives and so forth. It is part of a control freak attitude and also a mentality that seeks to make money by every possible means. Raising revenue in this manner is extremely regressive and hits the poor much harder than the well off more of whom would tend to be able to afford garages and off street parking.

We would encourage free car parking especially in our town centres and where possible adjacent to train stations. This would encourage trade in our town centres and encourage people to use public transport to commute to work.

There is also a mania for speed humps in inappropriate roads that is a waste of resources, damages cars and increases pollution.

Bus and train transport should be integrated with sensible timetabling. Since large parts of Wales are rural, we recognise the need to deal with the fast-growing challenge of global oil depletion by a long-term programme to improve the reach, frequency and attractiveness of public transport, rather than punishing motorists with ever-higher taxes which are then spent on things other than transport. In Wales in particular, the Politically Correct parties' war on the motorist is a crippling burden on the rural poor.

Public transport throughout many parts of Wales must be seen as a not-for-profit service and we are committed to bring transport services back into the public domain rather than allow private companies to make large profits from government subsidies.

Where practical freight should be switched from roads to rail and water transport. We will allow local authorities to gradually reduce the maximum permissible weight of goods vehicles on roads they themselves maintain.

The Severn Bridge the gateway to Wales - should be a national asset, not a private, commercial venture. In the 19th century, toll-gates in Wales were torn down in the Rebecca riots, by groups of defiant Welsh workers. The modern day imposition of 21st century toll-gates is a tax on the freedom of movement, and is an insult to Wales and to the memory of the struggle for social justice in

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Wales. We are committed to ensuring free crossing of the Severn Bridge on a point of principle. We will tear down the Severn Bridge toll-gates, and in their place erect a monumental bronze statue of 'Rebecca' to symbolise the right to freedom of movement in Wales, and as a reminder to all who pass, of the heritage of the Welsh people.

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