

Direction designating localities under the Active Travel Act

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013

To all county and county borough councils in Wales

Direction designating localities in relation to active travel routes

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 2(4) and (5) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 (“the Act”), make the following Direction.

Statutory background

Section 2(1) of the Act provides that for the purposes of the Act a route in a local authority’s area is an active travel route if –

- a) the route is situated in a designated locality in the area, and
- b) the local authority considers that it is appropriate for it to be regarded as an active travel route.

Section 2(4) of the Act provides that, in the Act, “designated”, in relation to a locality, means specified, or of a description specified, in a direction given by the Welsh Ministers. Section 2(5) provides that the Welsh Ministers may, in particular, specify a locality, or description of a locality, by reference to –

- a) density of the population,
- b) size,
- c) proximity to densely-populated localities above a particular size,
- d) position between such localities,
- e) proximity to community services and facilities,
- f) potential for other reasons to be a locality, or a description of locality, in which more travel is undertaken by walkers and cyclists by active travel journeys.

The Direction

In exercise of the above powers under the Act, the Welsh Ministers direct that the designated localities for the purposes of the Act are those localities within Wales specified in the Schedule below under the heading ‘Designated locality’ The localities are more particularly delineated on the map with reference:

<http://lle.gov.wales/catalogue/item/ActiveTravelDesignatedLocalitiesWales/?lang=en>

accompanying this Direction. For ease of reference, the table below sets out which cities, towns and villages are included in the designated locality (where the designated locality covers multiple settlements), the population of the designated

locality, and the local authorities with responsibility for that designated locality. Shaded blue indicates that the designated localities run across local authority boundaries, shaded yellow means they fall within a single local authority area.

The designated localities are derived from the Office for National Statistics' Built Up Areas. The Built Up Areas are identified by splitting Wales into 50 metre by 50 metre squares. The predominant land use in each square is identified as either built up or not built up (containing buildings and similar infrastructure, or empty of development). Where built up squares sit next to each other, then they are amalgamated into larger built up areas.

If settlements are within 200 metres of each other, then they were linked together into a single 'Built Up Area'. Many of these Built Up Areas are amalgamations of a number of towns and villages, which are in close proximity to each other and/or to a larger densely populated area. This approach reflects the actual pattern of development, rather than the administrative boundary divisions between settlements.

The designated localities have been named with reference to the largest town or city within the locality, but many stretch beyond the administrative boundaries of that named town or city. Where the shaded areas on the map extend beyond the administrative boundaries of the named town or city, local authorities should follow the boundaries shaded on the map.

Local authorities are not required to map areas in England adjacent to their boundaries.

The Direction made by the Welsh Ministers on 2 October 2014 under section 2(4) and (5) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 is revoked.

Designated locality	Settlements that are included in the designated locality	Population	Local Authority with responsibility for settlements within the designated locality
Cardiff		447,287	Caerphilly County Borough Council, The City of Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Caerphilly</i>	41,402	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Cardiff</i>	335,145	The City of Cardiff Council
	<i>Dinas Powys</i>	7,490	Vale of Glamorgan Council
	<i>Penarth</i>	27,226	Vale of Glamorgan Council

	<i>Pontypridd</i>	30,457	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Taff's Well</i>	5,567	The City of Cardiff Council and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Newport		306,844	Caerphilly County Borough Council, Torfaen County Borough Council and Newport City Council
	<i>Aberbargoed</i>	994	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Abercarn</i>	5,352	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Abersychan</i>	7,573	Torfaen County Borough Council
	<i>Bargoed</i>	11,537	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Blackwood</i>	24,042	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Cwmbran</i>	46,915	Torfaen County Borough Council
	<i>Newbridge</i>	9,590	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Newport</i>	128,060	Newport City Council
	<i>Pontllanfraith</i>	9,220	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Pontypool</i>	28,334	Torfaen County Borough Council
	<i>Risca</i>	14,958	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Wattsville</i>	1,065	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Ystrad Mynach</i>	19,204	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Swansea		300,352	City and County of Swansea Council, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council , Powys County Council
	<i>Glais</i>	838	City and County of Swansea Council
	<i>Gowerton</i>	8,183	City and County of Swansea Council

	<i>Neath</i>	50,658	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
	<i>Pontardawe</i>	12,333	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
	<i>Port Talbot</i>	37,276	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
	<i>Swansea</i>	179,485	City and County of Swansea Council
	<i>Upper Killay</i>	1,331	City and County of Swansea Council
	<i>Ystradgynlais</i>	10,248	Powys County Council
Wrexham		65,692	Wrexham County Borough Council
	<i>Bradley</i>	1,323	Wrexham County Borough Council
	<i>Rhostyllen</i>	2,766	Wrexham County Borough Council
	<i>Wrexham</i>	61,603	Wrexham County Borough Council
Buckley		63,576	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Buckley</i>	19,639	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Connah's Quay</i>	16,774	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Deeside Industrial Park</i>	2,134	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Northop Hall</i>	1,530	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Sandycroft</i>	6,724	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Shotton</i>	16,775	Flintshire County Council
Tonypandy		62,545	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Porth</i>	14,648	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Rhondda</i>	13,333	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Tonypandy</i>	17,789	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Treherbert</i>	5,440	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Treorchy</i>	7,694	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Tylorstown</i>	3,641	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Bridgend		58,380	Bridgend County Borough Council

	<i>Bridgend</i>	46,757	Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Sarn</i>	10,805	Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Trelales</i>	818	Bridgend County Borough Council
Barry		54,673	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Llanelli		49,591	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Llanelli</i>	43,878	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Llangennech</i>	4,324	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Pwll</i>	1,389	Carmarthenshire County Council
Rhyl/Prestatyn		46,267	Denbighshire County Council
	<i>Dyserth</i>	2,269	Denbighshire County Council
	<i>Meliden</i>	2,066	Denbighshire County Council
	<i>Prestatyn</i>	16,783	Denbighshire County Council
	<i>Rhyl</i>	25,149	Denbighshire County Council
Merthyr Tydfil		43,820	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Colwyn Bay		34,284	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Colwyn Bay</i>	29,405	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Penrhyn Bay</i>	4,432	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Penrhyn-side</i>	447	Conwy County Borough Council
Ebbw Vale		33,068	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
	<i>Blaina</i>	4,808	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
	<i>Brynmawr</i>	5,530	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
	<i>Ebbw Vale</i>	18,095	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
	<i>Nantyglo</i>	4,635	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Aberdare		31,135	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

	<i>Aberdare</i>	29,748	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Fernhill</i>	1,387	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Flint		26,442	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Flint</i>	14,907	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Gorsedd</i>	391	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Holywell</i>	9,808	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Walwen</i>	1,336	Flintshire County Council
Rhosllanerchrugog		25,362	Wrexham County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council
	<i>Cefn-mawr</i>	7,051	Wrexham County Borough Council
	<i>Rhosllanerchrugog</i>	13,501	Wrexham County Borough Council
	<i>Ruabon</i>	3,357	Wrexham County Borough Council
	<i>Trevor</i>	1,453	Wrexham County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council
Ammanford		23,709	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Ammanford</i>	7,945	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Pen-y-groes</i>	5,717	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Penybanc</i>	1,126	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Saron</i>	867	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Tumble</i>	4,302	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Tycroes</i>	3,752	Carmarthenshire County Council
Church Village		23,277	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Beddau</i>	8,236	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Church Village</i>	13,783	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Efail Isaf</i>	1,258	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Maesteg		21,001	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Croeserw</i>	1,569	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Cymmer</i>	544	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
	<i>Maesteg</i>	18,888	Bridgend County Borough Council
Gorseinon		20,581	City and County of Swansea Council
	<i>Gorseinon</i>	15,757	City and County of Swansea Council
	<i>Loughor</i>	4,824	City and County of Swansea Council
Aberystwyth		18,749	Ceredigion County Council
	<i>Aberystwyth</i>	18,093	Ceredigion County Council
	<i>Llanbadarn Fawr</i>	656	Ceredigion County Council
Kinmel Bay/Abergele		18,705	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Abergele</i>	9,208	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Kinmel Bay</i>	9,497	Conwy County Borough Council
Bangor		17,988	Gwynedd Council
Chepstow		16,169	Monmouthshire County Council
Carmarthen		15,854	Carmarthenshire County Council
Porthcawl		15,672	Bridgend County Borough Council
Llandudno		15,371	Conwy County Borough Council
Tredegar		14,855	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Abergavenny		14,651	Monmouthshire County Council
	<i>Abergavenny</i>	13,423	Monmouthshire County Council
	<i>Llanfoist</i>	1,228	Monmouthshire County Council
Haverfordwest		14,596	Pembrokeshire County Council

Llantrisant		14,422	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Brynsadler</i>	1,158	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
	<i>Llantrisant</i>	13,264	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Llantwit Major		14,384	Vale of Glamorgan Council
	<i>Llanmaes</i>	403	Vale of Glamorgan Council
	<i>Llantwit Major</i>	8,427	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Pyle		13,701	Bridgend County Borough Council
Milford Haven		13,582	Pembrokeshire County Council
Treharris		12,352	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Nelson</i>	4,647	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Treharris</i>	7,705	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Holyhead		11,431	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Newtown		11,357	Powys County Council
Mountain Ash		11,230	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Caldicot		11,200	Monmouthshire County Council
Llandudno Junction		11,109	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Bryn Pydew</i>	451	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Llandudno Junction</i>	10,658	Conwy County Borough Council
Abertillery		10,946	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Monmouth		10,110	Monmouthshire County Council
Mold		10,058	Flintshire County Council
Pembroke Dock		9,753	Pembrokeshire County Council
Caernarfon		9,730	Gwynedd Council
	<i>Caeathro</i>	237	Gwynedd Council

	<i>Caernarfon</i>	9,493	Gwynedd Council
Tonyrefail		9,317	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Pencoed		9,166	Bridgend County Borough Council
Pontarddulais		9,073	City and County of Swansea Council and Carmarthenshire County Council
Caerleon		8,747	Newport City Council and Torfaen County Borough Council
Rhymney		8,537	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Pontlottyn</i>	1,924	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Rhymney</i>	5,151	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Denbigh		8,514	Denbighshire County Council
Burry Port		8,310	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Burry Port</i>	6,156	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Pembrey</i>	2,154	Carmarthenshire County Council
Brecon		8,250	Powys County Council
Pembroke		7,552	Pembrokeshire County Council
Ferndale		7,338	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Hirwaun		7,247	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Brynnal Llanharan		6,686	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Abertridwr		6,504	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Rhoose		6,160	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Abercynon		5,983	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Broughton		5,974	Flintshire County Council
Welshpool		5,948	Powys County Council
Undy/ Magor		5,914	Monmouthshire County Council

Coedpoeth		5,723	Wrexham County Borough Council
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen/Brynamman		5,692	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Brynamman</i>	2,608	Carmarthenshire County Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
	<i>Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen</i>	3,084	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Carmarthenshire County Council
Blaenavon		5,647	Torfaen County Borough Council
Ogmore Vale/Nant-y-moel		5,461	Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Nant-y-moel</i>	2,344	Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Ogmore Vale</i>	3,117	Bridgend County Borough Council
Ruthin		5,461	Denbighshire County Council
Glynneath		5,419	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
	<i>Blaengwrach</i>	1,141	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
	<i>Glynneath</i>	4,278	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Cwmavon		5,336	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Llandrindod Wells		5,309	Powys County Council
Cardigan		5,301	Pembrokeshire County Council and Ceredigion County Council
	<i>Cardigan</i>	4,184	Ceredigion County Council
	<i>St Dogmaels</i>	1,117	Pembrokeshire County Council
Gresford		5,010	Wrexham County Borough Council
Menai Bridge		4,958	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Llangefni		4,864	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Bethesda		4,735	Gwynedd Council

	<i>Bethesda</i>	3,799	Gwynedd Council
	<i>Rachub</i>	936	Gwynedd Council
Hope		4,706	Flintshire County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council
	<i>Hope</i>	4,284	Flintshire County Council
	<i>Sydallt</i>	422	Wrexham County Borough Council
Tenby		4,696	Pembrokeshire County Council
Llay		4,681	Wrexham County Borough Council
Hendreforgan/Gilfach Goch		4,395	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Gilfach Goch</i>	1,920	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Bridgend County Borough Council
	<i>Hendreforgan</i>	2,475	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Glanaman		4,384	Carmarthenshire County Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Pontycymer		4,288	Bridgend County Borough Council
New Tredegar		4,208	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Pwllheli		4,076	Gwynedd Council
Glyncoch		4,020	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Chirk		4,007	Wrexham County Borough Council
Conwy		3,873	Conwy County Borough Council
Cowbridge		3,804	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Llanbradach		3,746	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Rhuddlan		3,709	Denbighshire County Council
Neyland		3,708	Pembrokeshire County Council
Blaenau Ffestiniog		3,662	Gwynedd Council

Llanfairfechan		3,637	Conwy County Borough Council
Penyffordd		3,554	Flintshire County Council
Aberfan		3,547	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Ynysybwl		3,503	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Murton		3,500	City and County of Swansea Council
Llangollen		3,466	Denbighshire County Council
Fishguard		3,419	Pembrokeshire County Council
Saundersfoot		3,361	Pembrokeshire County Council
	<i>New Hedges</i>	594	Pembrokeshire County Council
	<i>Saundersfoot</i>	2,767	Pembrokeshire County Council
St Asaph		3,355	Denbighshire County Council
Llanrwst		3,323	Conwy County Borough Council
Amlwch		3,211	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll		3,107	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Tywyn		3,097	Gwynedd Council
Marshfield		3,054	Newport City Council
	<i>Castleton</i>	735	Newport City Council
	<i>Marshfield</i>	2,319	Newport City Council
Llanharry		3,035	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Vale of Glamorgan Council
Knighton		3,007	Powys County Council
Llanhilleth		2,990	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and Caerphilly County Borough Council
Porthmadog		2,981	Gwynedd Council
Lampeter		2,970	Ceredigion County Council
Llanidloes		2,929	Powys County Council
Usk		2,834	Monmouthshire County Council
Builth Wells/ Llanelwedd		2,829	Powys County Council

Llandybie		2,813	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kidwelly		2,782	Carmarthenshire County Council
Cwm		2,739	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Dolgellau		2,688	Gwynedd Council
Llanddulas/Mynydd Marian		2,674	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Llanddulas</i>	1,268	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Llysfaen</i>	330	Conwy County Borough Council
	<i>Mynydd Marian</i>	1,076	Conwy County Borough Council
St Clears		2,663	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>Pwll-trap</i>	674	Carmarthenshire County Council
	<i>St Clears</i>	1,989	Carmarthenshire County Council
Penmaenmawr		2,535	Conwy County Borough Council
Creigiau		2,380	The City of Cardiff Council
Machen		2,362	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Valley		2,361	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cwmfelinfach/Ynysddu		2,342	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Cwmfelinfach</i>	1,383	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	<i>Ynysddu</i>	959	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Barmouth		2,315	Gwynedd Council
Pentyrch		2,287	The City of Cardiff Council
Y Felinheli		2,284	Gwynedd Council
Leeswood		2,282	Flintshire County Council
Rossett		2,279	Wrexham County Borough Council
Narberth		2,265	Pembrokeshire County Council

Gilwern		2,263	Monmouthshire County Council
Bettws		2,253	Bridgend County Borough Council
Benllech		2,236	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Machynlleth		2,235	Powys County Council
Seven Sisters		2,123	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Tanyfron		2,090	Wrexham County Borough Council
Resolven		2,068	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Llandovery		2,065	Carmarthenshire County Council
Crickhowell		2,063	Powys County Council
Presteigne		2,056	Powys County Council
Southgate		2,004	City and County of Swansea Council

Signed by.....

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