



Reaching Rural

Draft Rural Strategy

2021-2025

Consultation Response Template
Closing date: Thursday 30th September

Please tick as appropriate:

- I am responding as an individual
- I am responding on behalf of an organisation
- Name and address of organisation

In responding to the questions below, please try to support your response with facts, data or specific examples which demonstrate your point of view.

1. Do you agree with the proposed themes, outcomes and priorities which have shaped this draft Rural Strategy?

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2. Have the housing related challenges which face people living in rural areas been sufficiently considered?

3. Have the needs of those with additional housing support requirements (i.e. older people, those with a disability or mental health issues, young people, those faced with homelessness) in rural areas been appropriately considered?

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4. Will rural housing need tests which incorporate the proposed 'housing health-check' service offer an appropriate level of engagement with rural communities to encourage those in need of support to come forward?

5. Do you agree with the emphasis on facilitating the development of both social and intermediate housing within mixed-tenure environments to promote cohesion and sustainability in rural areas?

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6. Do you agree with the proposal to examine the potential for community-led housing as an additional way of addressing housing supply issues in rural areas in NI?

7. Have the challenges associated with increasing energy efficiency in rural housing stock, the reliance on carbon based heating systems in rural areas and the measures required to address these issues, been sufficiently considered?

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8. Will the various forms of promotion and consultation outlined throughout the draft Strategy (e.g. consultation events, magazines, local press, social media) be sufficient to reach those in rural communities who could benefit from them? If not, please outline other methods of communication which should be considered.

9. What would you determine to be the main challenges facing the delivery of this strategy over the next four years?

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10. Please provide any other comments which should be considered in the development and delivery of this 4 year Rural Strategy.

When completed, please send to
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