**Draft School Organisation Code**

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**Question 1: Section 1 – Development and consideration of proposals**

This section sets out the factors to which relevant bodies should have regard in developing and delivering school organisation proposals. Are there any changes you would like to suggest?

**Question 2: Section 2 – Changes which require proposals**

This section sets out the proposals which will require statutory procedures if the Bill is approved. Is there anything that you believe requires further clarification?

**Question 3: Section 3 – Consultation**

This section sets out the consultation procedures which will become statutory if the Code is approved together with general guidance on consultation. Are there any changes you would like to suggest?

**Question 4: Section 4 – Publication of statutory proposals**

This section sets out the publication requirements which will become statutory if the Code is approved, together with general guidance. Are there any changes you would like to suggest?

**Question 5: Section 5 – Determining proposals**

This section a) sets out procedures for the determination of proposals which will become statutory if the Code is approved, b) lists the categories of objectors which will become statutory if the Bill is approved together with other legislative requirements introduced in the Bill, and c) provides general guidance on determining proposals. The determination process, including the categories of objectors and the establishment of local determination panels, appear in the Bill and will be statutory. We are therefore seeking your views in respect of the accessability of the information. Is there anything in this section in relation to the requirements of the Bill that you believe requires further clarification, or are there any changes you would like to suggest to the requirements of the Code or the general guidance?

**Question 6: Section 6 – Implementing proposals**

This section sets out the implementation procedures which will become statutory if the Bill is approved. Are there any changes you would like to suggest?

**Question 7: Section 7 – The closure of a school with fewer than 10 registered pupils**

This section sets out the procedures for the closure of schools with fewer than 10 registered pupils, which will become statutory if the Bill is approved, and the requirements which will become statutory if the Code is approved. Is there anything in relation to the Bill provisions that you believe requires further clarification, or are there any changes you would like to suggest to the Code provisions?

**Question 8: Section 8 – Proposals by the Welsh Ministers to rationalise schools places; Section 9 – Proposals by the Welsh Ministers for regional provision for special educational needs; Section 10 – Proposals by the Welsh Ministers to restructure sixth form education; Section 11 – Governing body notice to discontinue a foundation or voluntary school**

These sections set out a) the Welsh Ministers’ powers to bring forward school organisation proposals and impose certain requirements on them in relation to the exercise of those powers and b) the power of a foundation or voluntary school governing body to give notice of the school’s closure. Is there anything that you believe requires further clarification or are there any changes you would like to suggest to the Code provisions?

**Question 9: Annex A – Illustrative flow chart for statutory proposals; Annex B – Examples of statutory notices; Annex C – Consultation document template; Annex D – Community impact and Welsh-medium impact assessments**

Are you content with the information provided in these annexes or would you like to suggest any changes?

**Question 10**

We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

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