

Case Template: Rural Proofing

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State legislative GME proposal (in one page or less; may have already been written into law)

Policy stage	Typical questions to focus on rural issues
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the policy objectives in terms of problem / outcome? • What are the rural specific impacts of the policy? Are there any potential indirect impacts? • Are there any potential local impacts that will differ from the regional impact? • Is there a need for pre-consultation with rural stakeholders to get better insight into potential rural impacts? • Is there a need for actions to mitigate against impacts in rural areas?
Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the predicted impacts supported by evidence? • What types of evidence have you considered in your policy development (statistics/research/stakeholder advice)? • Are there any areas of uncertainty, where further evidence would be useful? Have you already put in place any design features as a result of the evidence considered?
Consulting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the consultation responses identified any potentially different impacts in terms of rural areas/communities? • Can you demonstrate how you have targeted and fully engaged with rural stakeholders during consultation? • Can you identify rural responses by nature of their concerns and issues?
Monitoring and outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you any rural specific indicators that have been set to monitor your policy implementation? • Will the outcomes of the policy meet your set objectives in rural areas? • Describe your process for effective impact evaluation on rural issues. • Is the policy designed to adapt to unintended consequences?

Adapted from *Thinking Rural: The essential guide to rural proofing*, 2015

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/thinking-rural-essential-guide-rural-proofing>

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