

The New Plan for Immigration – additional information

The New Plan for Immigration states the following three objectives:

1. To increase the fairness and efficacy of our system so that we can better protect and support those in genuine need of asylum
2. To deter illegal entry into the UK, thereby breaking the business model of criminal trafficking networks and protecting the lives of those they endanger
3. To remove more easily from the UK those with no right to be here

The full document can be read here: [New Plan for Immigration](#)

The **West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership** has drawn together summary documents. [Click here](#) for the brief summary, and [click here](#) for the more detailed briefing.

Asylum Matters have made the following statement: “Whilst there is not much in the way of policy detail within the plans, the [main headlines](#) include (but are not limited to):

- **Creating a two-tier system** where refugees are granted different rights and status entirely due to how they have entered the UK;
- **People who have entered the UK irregularly will be considered 'inadmissible' to the UK's asylum system**, and the Home Office will make all attempts to return them to another 'safe' third country (although this is 'contingent on securing returns agreements' with these countries). Only if the Home Office is unable to return someone to another 'safe' third country, will people who have entered irregularly be allowed to access the UK's asylum system;
- Those who have **arrived irregularly and are then recognised as refugees will be granted 'temporary protection status.'** Those with 'temporary protection status' **will have no recourse to public funds and limited family reunion rights.** Leave will last no longer than 30 months, after which they will be regularly reassessed for removal;
- However, **refugees who are resettled to the UK through government resettlement schemes will have enhanced levels of protection**, including receiving indefinite leave to remain on arrival and enhanced family reunion rights;
- Replacing the current asylum accommodation model with **reception centres to provide basic accommodation** for people while their asylum claim is processed. The proposals also intend to **facilitate the use of offshore processing facilities** in the future if deemed necessary by the Government;
- Implement the provisions in the Immigration Act 2016, including **removing Section 95 support from families who had been refused asylum**, replacing Section 4 with a more limited form of support and restricting access to social services support for families;

- For more information on the proposals around family reunion, please refer to this [statement](#) from the **Families Together** coalition.”

Comments from the **Refugee Action** website can be accessed here: "[New Government proposals a wrecking ball to the right to claim asylum in the UK](#)"

The organisation **Welcome Churches** has commented from their experience and from a faith perspective, please [click here](#). They are also drawing together a response from churches and individuals.

The Consultation ends on 6 May 2021:

The Government wishes to hear views and perspectives from organisations and members of the public.

You can also see the questions in advance [here](#).

The consultation document can be accessed through an [online](#) platform and is open until 6 May.

Please access the consultation and give your opinions. Please also write to your MP about your concerns over this New Plan for Immigration. We have the opportunity to give an alternative view and create a more welcoming system – let’s use it.