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CONSULTATIONS

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 (PATH ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2005 (10/10/05) This consultation is to gather comments on draft Regulations which set out the form in which a Path Order made under section 22 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 shall be set out. Deadline for responses: 16 January 2005.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/06102122/21235>

PUBLICATIONS

THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: INQUIRY REPORTERS UNIT: REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2004:05 (SE 03/10/05) 9th Annual Report of the Inquiry Reporters Unit.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/0382839/28415>

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY FORUM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY- MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING (SE 07/10/05)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/07140342/03439>

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY FORUM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY – COMMENTS BY MEMBERS ON PROPOSED WAY FORWARD (SE 19/10/05) Views by members on issues to be addressed.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/19102249/22496>

SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING 2005 – LIST OF APPLICATIONS (SE 12/10/05) The awards are to stimulate the creativity of those engaged in planning, in the process and in the quality of development produced and to raise the profile of good planning practice.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/1294613/46147>

HISTORIC SCOTLAND ANNUAL REVIEW AND ACCOUNTS, AND CORPORATE PLAN 2005-2008 (HS 07/10/05) Historic Scotland's Annual Review and Accounts, and Corporate Plan for 2005-8 are available at:

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=18304>

HERITAGE PROTECTION REFORM: ECCLESIASTICAL EXEMPTION PILOTS PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT (DCMS 11/10/05) The DCMS has published proposals for changing the way in which the ecclesiastical exemption from listed building and conservation area controls operates in England. The review of ecclesiastical arrangements is an important element of the Heritage Protection Review. A number of pilot studies will be carried out in order to assess the practical operation of HPR proposals in relation to ecclesiastical sites to inform the 2006 heritage protection White Paper and any subsequent legislation.

http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/publications/archive_2005/ecclesiastical_pilots.htm

EASY ACCESS TO HISTORIC LANDSCAPES (EH 10/05) This guide has been produced to help property owners and managers make their historic landscapes more accessible to all visitors. It will also be of value to designers, planners, policy makers and others working to open up historic sites to a wider range of visitors.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/EAHL.pdf>

EVENTS

NATURAL STONE INSTITUTE – SECOND ANNUAL LECTURE The lecture will take place on 24 November 2005, 6pm, at The Merchant's House, Glasgow. Fiona Sinclair will be speaking about the conservation and restoration of stone

buildings in Glasgow. Tickets cost £15, (NSI members £10). For further details and a booking form, contact Sarah Bailey: sarahbailey@nsiuk.org, 0131 440 9473.

DUNDEE CONSERVATION LECTURES 2005- 2006 Lectures take place at the Matthew Building (level 5, room 5013), Duncan of Jordanstone College, 13 Perth Road, Dundee, commencing 6pm. Forthcoming lectures in this series: 25 October: 10 Years of the Heritage Lottery Fund (Colin Mclean); 1 November: Townscape Heritage Initiatives (Phillip Grover, Dr Allan Reeve). Cost: silver collection - £5.

VACANCIES

SCOTTISH ECOLOGICAL DESIGN ASSOCIATION – DEVELOPMENT OFFICER The Scottish Ecological Design Association is seeking a part-time Development Officer, on a three year contract, to develop its activities, including comprehensive annual events programme, networking and information consolidation. The successful applicant will work alongside the voluntary management committee and the part-time Administrator, working on a self employed basis from home. Contract value: c £10, 300 rising in two increments to c £11, 000 in year 3. For the job description and application form, contact Gill Pemberton on 01361 840 230 or visit www.seda2.org. Deadline for applications: Friday 18 November 2005.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE NEWS RELEASES

TOP ARCHITECTURE PRIZE FOR SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT BUILDING (15/10/05) The Scottish Parliament has won the RIBA Stirling Prize, beating five other contenders for what is recognized as the highest award for contemporary British architecture.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2005/10/15214921>

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

S2W-19626 RICHARD BAKER (04/10/05) To ask the Scottish Executive what process is being used in order to decide which methods should be used to measure the energy performance of domestic dwellings for the requirements of the EU Energy Performance in Buildings Directive.

S2W-19669 DAVID DAVIDSON (06/10/05) To ask the Scottish Executive what plans it has to strengthen the role of community councils.

S2W-19671 MURRAY TOSH (06/10/05) To ask the Scottish Executive, with reference to paragraph 21 of Planning Advice Note 74: Affordable Housing, whether it will outline the current and proposed procedures which govern the disposal of land for affordable housing by public bodies, including itself, on a favourable basis; whether it is making representations to the UK Government and public bodies accountable to the UK Government to dispose of land in Scotland on a similar basis, and, if so, how successful these representations have been.

S2W-19832 MARY SCANLON (17/10/05) To ask the Scottish Executive what action is being taken to ensure an adequate number of training planners in order to (a) meet the requirements of forthcoming planning legislation and (b) ensure a sufficient number of new entrants to the profession to replace those due to retire in the next five to 10 years.

S2W-19872 MARY SCANLON (17/10/05) To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will publish a response to the findings of the report by Ove Arup and Partners on resources for planning, published in July 2005.

Information in the Bulletin is extracted from a number of websites; such as the Scottish Executive (SE); the Scottish Parliament (SP); Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS); Historic Scotland (HS); Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH); Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); English Heritage (EH); Commission for

Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE); Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM); Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS); Department of Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA); National Assembly for Wales (NAW). For further information, links are provided to the relevant documents. If you have any questions or comments on the above, or would like to submit information to be included, please get in touch with Jo Robertson jrobertson@bef.s.org.uk at the BEFS office on 0131 556 5353.