



CONSULTATIONS

A POLICY ON ARCHITECTURE FOR SCOTLAND: PUBLIC CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF POLICY (SE 05/05/06)

Five years after the launch of Scotland's policy on architecture, this is a public consultation to take views on the future direction of policy. Deadline for response: 28/07/06

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2006/05/03152513/0>

IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLES 7,8,9 OF THE EU DIRECTIVE ON THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS (SE 15/05/06)

The Scottish Ministers are presently considering proposals for implementing Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the EU Directive (2002/91/EC) on the energy performance of buildings by using the Building (Scotland) Act 2003 and amending both the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and the Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Deadline for response: 11/08/06

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/05/energy-performance>

FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

HISTORIC SCOTLAND'S SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The draft operational policy paper invites views on Historic Scotland's policies and plans for providing support to the voluntary sector.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations/forthcoming/q/rowid/6#conrow6>

PUBLICATIONS

CIRCULAR NO 1/2006 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)(SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT DIRECTION 2006 (SE 27/04/06)

Amends requirements set out in The Scottish Office Development Department Circular No 4/1997 relating to the notification of planning applications.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/04/24103707/0>

DRAFT SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY 21: GREEN BELTS: ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES (SE 27/04/06)

Analysis of 173 responses.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/04/24140107/0>

SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY: SPP 21: GREEN BELTS (SE 27/04/06)

Sets out the objectives of green belt policy and the way in which it should be used and enforced. This policy replaces Scottish Office Circular 24/1985: Development in the Countryside and Green Belts. Policy in that Circular on development in the countryside has been superseded by SPP 3: Planning for Housing and SPP 15: Rural Development.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/04/24122020/0>

**PLANNING FOR MICRO RENEWABLES ANNEX TO PAN 45 RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
(SE 11/05/06)**

Explains how the planning system can support the micro-renewables industry in the rollout of the technology. It seeks to encourage the rollout of micro-renewable technologies in a way that protects the environmental quality of urban and rural areas.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/04/21130424/0>

SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING: REPORT OF THE JUDGES: 2005 (SE 15/05/06)

The report is split into four parts to reflect the award categories. At the beginning of each section there is a summary table outlining basic details of all entries received. This summary table is followed by a description of each nomination and a brief paragraph of the Judges comments and recommendations.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/05/12092418/0>

**THE HERITAGE DIVIDEND METHODOLOGY, MEASURING THE IMPACT OF HERITAGE PROJECTS
(EH 10/05/06)**

Report carried out by Urban Practitioners for English Heritage.

<http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf.Heritage-Dividend-Methodology.pdf>

BUILDINGS AND SPACES: WHY DESIGN MATTERS (CABE 01/03/06)

Buildings and spaces: why design matters is a guide for parliamentarians to the ways that good design can make a difference to people's quality of life. It calls on MPs and peers to raise awareness of the benefits of quality design, and pushes for stronger recognition of design quality in policy formulation.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1173>

**CREATING HEALING ENVIRONMENTS: HUMANISTIC ARCHITECTURE AND THERAPEUTIC DESIGN
(A + DS 27/3/06)**

Creating Healing Environments Summary Report.

http://www.ads.org.uk/270306_creat_heal.html

NEWS RELEASES

ANCIENT SKILLS FOR A GREAT FUTURE (HS 26/04/06)

Historic Scotland is inviting teenagers to try their hands at stonemasonry and other ancient skills. A group of 20 students from Stirling High School will be given a tour of Stirling Castle to see how traditional crafts and trades are being used to restore the Royal Apartments to their original renaissance majesty. They will then go to the nearby Historic Scotland maintenance centre to learn the secrets of stone cutting, joinery, slating and lead work. Kirsten Wood, Historic Scotland education officer, said:

“We want to introduce a new generation to these ancient skills. This event is a chance to meet some of the fabulous tradesmen and craftsmen we employ to care for the country’s heritage and talk to them about their careers. Men and women who are trained in these skills are not only in demand with organisations like ours, but also for the care and maintenance of the tens of thousands of old houses and historic buildings throughout the country”

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=21448>

GARDINER LAUNCHES FORESTRY REVIEW (DEFRA 12/05/06)

“Low timber prices, the effects of climate change, and a shortage of skilled workers must not prevent England’s trees, woods and forests from creating benefits for everyone”, said Forestry Minister, Barry Gardiner. Mr Gardiner, launching a consultation on the review of the England Forestry Strategy, said he wanted trees, woods and forests to make an increasingly important contribution to sustainable development over the next decade. The consultation identifies national priorities and policies over the next 5 - 10 years to which England’s trees, woods and forests can make a particularly significant contribution.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2006/060512c.htm>

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q S2W-24465 MURRAY TOSH (20/03/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the city region plans proposed in the Planning Bill will be drawn up by permanent, dedicated teams of planners on the model of Glasgow and Clyde Valley or whether the alternative model employed in the Edinburgh and Lothian Structure Plan process will be used.
- A ANSWERED BY MALCOLM CHISHOLM (19/04/06)** The Executive’s preferred model for drawing up the new strategic development plans (SDPs) is a joint committee and a dedicated team of officials, in order to effectively promote the best strategy for the city region as a whole. We want these arrangements to work on a voluntary basis and intend to issue guidance to that effect. Where voluntary arrangements fail, the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill provides ministers with powers to direct that one of the constituent authorities assigns someone to manage the preparation of the SDP with others assigned to assist. The Executive does not, however, intend to name specific people or posts in this regard.
- Q S2W-25614A DES McNULTY (04/05/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive how it will take forward its commitment to publishing a renewed policy statement on architecture, which it announced earlier this year in Scotland’s Culture, its response to the Cultural Commission report on its review of culture in Scotland.
- A ANSWERED BY PATRICIA FERGUSON (05/05/06)** I am pleased to announce the launch today of a public consultation exercise on the policy on architecture for Scotland. The consultation is designed to stimulate public debate on the future direction of architecture policy; to seek views on the Executive’s progress to date in implementing its previous policy, and to inform the development of a renewed policy on architecture. The consultation paper is available online at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations The consultation will be formally launched by me in Perth this afternoon at the annual Convention of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS).
- Q S2W-25624 MAUREEN MACMILLAN (05/05/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether any public meetings on the UK Marine Bill are scheduled to take place in Scotland.
- A ANSWERED BY ROSS FINNIE (15/05/06)** There are no plans to hold public meetings on the UK Marine Bill but the issue formed part of the Scottish Coastal Forum’s Conference, Scotland’s Coastal Future – Seizing the Opportunity?, held on 18 April 2006. The Scottish Coastal Forum plans to host a further event on the 5 June 2006 in Perth. My Advisory Group on the Marine and Coastal Strategy is looking into the issue in some detail, in parallel with the Defra consultation process.

EVENTS

SCOTTISH WORKSHOP ON UK MARINE BILL – 7TH JUNE 2006, DEWARS CENTRE, PERTH, 10.30AM-4PM

The Scottish Coastal Forum are holding a workshop on the UK Marine Bill to ensure that Scottish stakeholders have an opportunity to consider the questions posed by Defra. Staff from the Marine Legislation Division will present the consultation before SCF facilitate a debate on how Scotland should be involved in marine and coastal management in the UK.

Places are limited to 50. **FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR TO BOOK CONTACT: Tel: 0131 244 1540. stephen.midgley@scotland.gsi.gov.uk. www.scotland.gov.uk/environment/coastalforum.**

PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE MODERN WORLD – 9TH JUNE 2006, ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH, GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH, 5PM.

This year's Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative lecture will be given by Professor Greg Lloyd, University of Dundee. This event has been organised by the RTPi.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR TO BOOK CONTACT: Scotland@RTPI.org.uk

DESIGNED WITH CARE – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2006, THE LIGHTHOUSE, GLASGOW.

CABE in association with Architecture + Design Scotland are presenting the above seminar. This event forms part of a series of seminars being held across the United Kingdom promoting CABE's 'Designed with Care' campaign which sets out to show how good design can improve local healthcare facilities. **FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR TO BOOK CONTACT: CABE on 020 7070 6764 or**

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1282>

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