



## CONSULTATIONS

**SUPPORTING WAVE AND TIDAL ENERGY IN SCOTLAND – A CONSULTATION ON AMENDING THE RENEWABLES OBLIGATION (SCOTLAND) ORDER - 2006 (SE 12/05/06)** The Scottish Executive is fully committed to the continued development of renewable energy across Scotland. This commitment recognises the potential environmental and economic benefits that renewable energy can bring. Scottish Ministers have set challenging targets for the generation of electricity from qualifying renewable energy sources - 18% of electricity generated in Scotland to be renewables electricity by 2010, rising to 40% by 2020. Deadline for response: 03/08/06

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/05/10153327/ConDocs HTML>

**AN EVALUATION OF THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF LOCH LOMOND AND THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK – A TECHNICAL APPENDIX TO DRAFT NATIONAL PARK PLAN 2005 (MAY 2006)** This document represents the initial presentation of work undertaken to evaluate in some localised detail the special qualities of the National Park. The document will be used as an information resource in assisting in the management of the Park. The approach taken is completely new, and views are being invited on the approach taken in the evaluation as well as comments on the content of the draft document. Comments should be sent to the Park Authority by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The document can be viewed at:

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org>

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## PUBLICATIONS

**DESIGN AT APPEAL: ADVICE ON DEALING WITH DESIGN ISSUES WITHIN PLANNING APPEALS (CABE 19/05/06)** Appeals play an important role in the planning system. But there is a lack of confidence in dealing with design issues at this stage, and this is affecting the quality of development. This short 'how to' guide aims to help all involved when dealing with design at appeal.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1310>

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE (SE 24/05/06)** A review of literature and policy on a range of sustainable development issues. Individual topics of the review are: sustainable development theory; food; procurement; consumption; green jobs and enterprise; the built environment; environmental protection; education; and environmental justice.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/05/23091323/0>

**HMT/ODPM CONSULTATION PAPER: PLANNING GAIN SUPPLEMENT (SE 24/05/06)** Consultation response by Scottish Ministers.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/05/24153534/1>

**SNH ADVICE ON COASTAL AND MARINE NATIONAL PARKS – ADVICE TO SCOTTISH MINISTERS (MAY 06)** Scottish Natural Heritage sent advice to Ministers on coastal and marine national parks at the end of March. Supporting information has now also been placed on the SNH website, which covers international experience, added value, the selection process, the profiles of possible areas and an account of stakeholder views. Ministers are committed to undertaking full consultation on this advice during the summer. A decision on the siting of the Park will be taken after this consultation. It is unlikely that any formal statutory proposal for an area will be made before 2007, and two further stages of consultation are planned before a Park could be established in 2008. The advice is available in hard copy, and the advice and supporting information can be viewed online at:

<http://www.snh.gov.uk/strategy/CMNP/sr-adnp01.asp>

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## EVENTS

**NEW TALES FROM THE OLD TOWN .... WITH MALCOLM FRASER** As part of Architecture Week 2006, Architecture and Design Scotland is teaming up with Edinburgh World Heritage to host 'New Tales from The Old Town' - a public event at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. Exploring the question "How do you design new buildings in the heart of a World Heritage Site?", The event will be a chance to hear from A+DS' Deputy Chair Malcolm Fraser speak on the character of Scotland's historic capital and the challenges associated with designing for historic contexts. The event will take place on Saturday 17th June from 2-4pm. It is free to all attendees and the venue has wheelchair access. Numbers are limited so to assure your place, please contact: <http://www.ads.org.uk/architectureweek2006.html> or e-mail: [administrator@ads.org.uk](mailto:administrator@ads.org.uk)

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## NEWS RELEASES

**GOVERNMENT CALLS A HALT TO CROWN IMMUNITY FROM PLANNING CONTROL (DCLG 23/05/06)** The Crown will no longer be immune from English planning law, under new legislation that comes into force on 7th June. The changes to the planning system will mean the Crown will now have to apply for planning permission from their local planning authority, just like any other developer. The Crown will also be subject to the same rights to appeal. The secondary legislation, which was laid on the 17th May, follows the earlier provisions included in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1002882&PressNoticeID=2160>

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## RESEARCH

**SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT AUDIT – ASSESSMENT OF DATA QUALITY** Dr Ian Baxter, Associate Director of Caledonian Heritage Futures Network has been commissioned by Historic Scotland to undertake the assessment of data quality which will culminate in the publishing of a Scottish Historic Environment Data Sources Directory in Autumn 2006. All historic environment stakeholders are urged to complete and return a questionnaire. It may be that you have already received one by e-mail. If not, stakeholders can complete one on-line at the following web-link. <http://www.heritagefutures.net/research/dataquality.html>

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## CAMPAIGNS

**HISTORY MATTERS: PASS IT ON** This campaign aims to raise awareness of, build support for and encourage involvement in heritage in England and Wales. This campaign is being supported by The National Trust, English Heritage, The National Heritage Memorial Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund, the Historic Houses Association, Heritage Link, the Civic Trust and the Council for British Archaeology. For further information see the web-link below. [www.historymatters.org.uk](http://www.historymatters.org.uk)

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## TRAINING

**KNOWHOW - POLITICAL AWARENESS TRAINING** Parliamentary training courses covering a range of topics are offered throughout the year. For forthcoming training workshops contact: [kirsty@newsdirect.uk.com](mailto:kirsty@newsdirect.uk.com).

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Heritage (SNH); Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); English Heritage (EH); Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE); Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG); Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS); Department of Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA); National Assembly for Wales (NAW); Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS); Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA). 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 Fiona Binning: [fbinning@befso.org.uk](mailto:fbinning@befso.org.uk), 0131 556 5353.