



## CONSULTATIONS

### **THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS, &C.) AMENDMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2006 (SE 05/06/06)**

This consultation seeks views on the Scottish Executive's regulatory proposals for ensuring better transposition of the EC Habitats Directive following a ruling by the European Court of Justice.

Deadline for response: 28/07/06

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/06/01153548/0>

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARCHIVES INITIATIVE (HS 21/06/06)**

With backing from Historic Scotland and the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Scotland, the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA) has drafted a series of standards for storing historical information. Dr Noel Fojut, Head of Archaeology with Historic Scotland, said: "Traditional paper and photographic records are increasingly giving way to digital media and the time is right to think about how this will affect archaeological practice. Good archives start with good field practice, so the draft standard aims to guide practitioners from the inception of projects through to the deposition of archives in their long-term home in Scotland, the National Monument Record at RCAHMS." The draft is available at:

[www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/archaeology\\_methodology/archives](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/archaeology_methodology/archives)

Comments should be returned to the IFA by 17 July 2006.

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=21712>

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## 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>

### **PROPOSALS FOR A COASTAL AND MARINE NATIONAL PARK**

A consultation inviting views on proposals for Scotland's first Coastal and Marine National Park.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Forthcoming/Q/rowId/11#conRow11>

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## SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE PUBLICATIONS

### **LAND USE AND RURAL POLICY RESEARCH FINDINGS NO.6/2006: SERVICE PRIORITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY IN RURAL SCOTLAND (SE 31/05/06)**

This research sought to identify and explore rural communities' priorities for local service improvement in terms of access and quality. It included a review of existing local research and consultation findings and qualitative focus group research.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/05/22132936/0>

### **SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION PAPER ON DEFINING MARINE BOUNDARIES FOR FISH FARMING (SE 31/05/06)** Summary of responses.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/05/30151805/0>

### **PEOPLE AND PLACE: REGENERATION POLICY STATEMENT (SE 02/06/06)**

The Executive's Regeneration Policy statement.  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/06/01145839/0>

**RESPONDENTS TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION PAPER (16/06/06)**  
Consultation responses.  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/06/16092340/0>

**ENHANCING OUR CARE OF SCOTLAND'S LANDSCAPES: CONSULTATION REPORT (SE 19/06/06)**  
Consultation Report on proposals to recognise National Scenic Areas in statute.  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/06/16153149/0>

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND SCOTTISH AGRICULTURE: CHANGING OUR WAYS (SE 22/06/06)**  
Guide about climate change for farmers and others involved in Scottish agriculture.  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/06/20134109/0>

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENTS: HOW TO WRITE, READ AND USE THEM (CABE 12/06/06)**  
This short guide shows how to write and read design and access statements. It accompanies the government circular Guidance on changes to the development control system and provides practical advice on getting the best from statements to help deliver well-designed, inclusive places  
<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1334>

**DESIGN AT A GLANCE: A QUICK REFERENCE TO NATIONAL DESIGN POLICY (CABE 13/06/06)**  
Good design is important for all development types in all locations. This means a variety of planning policy guidance and planning policy statements may be relevant for any one application, and it can be difficult to find the right policy quickly. To help, CABE has drawn together the most important design-related statements found throughout national policy and guidance. The quotes are accurate and are here to be copied and quoted, for example, in policy writing, negotiations, letters, decisions, reports or appeals.  
<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=683>

**MAKING CONTRACTS WORK FOR WILDLIFE: HOW TO ENCOURAGE BIODIVERSITY IN URBAN PARKS (CABE 13/06/06)**  
Today, more than ever before, we understand that promoting biodiversity in our parks is not something that we can just leave to chance. Rather than letting nature take its course, parks need careful day-to-day management to deliver environments where nature can flourish. Making contracts work for wildlife advises green space professionals on how to make the most of the potential for biodiversity in our urban parks. And it shows how the commitment of individuals and employers can make the difference between failure and inspiring success.  
<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1328>

**THE COST OF BAD DESIGN (CABE 19/06/06)**  
Everyone can think of a building they hate, a place that really depresses them or a place where they'd call in the bulldozers. So why, when the problems it creates are impossible to miss, are we still surrounded by bad design? The cost of bad design features essays commissioned by CABE to highlight what happens when buildings and spaces go wrong. This collection is the first stage in a continuing campaign assessing the cost of bad design.  
<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1342>

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## SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE NEWS RELEASES

### **FUNDING FOR NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK (SE 20/06/06)**

The sustainable transport charity Sustrans announced £8 million of investment over the next two years to develop Scotland's national cycle network. The pledge came as Transport Minister Tavish Scott opened the new West Loch Lomond Cycle Route.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2006/06/20143816>

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## OTHER NEWS RELEASES

### **PUBLICATION OF NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME PROTOCOL (SEPA 20/06/06)**

The Right Honourable The Lord Boyd of Duncansby QC, the Lord Advocate, and Dr Campbell Gemmill, Chief Executive of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), have launched a new Protocol for the reporting and prosecution of environmental offences. This new Protocol will help to formalise the existing arrangements and individual responsibilities of both the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and SEPA in dealing with environmental crime. As well as clarifying partnership working through the well-established network of specialist prosecutors, the Protocol will help to improve coordination of offence reporting and ensure that there is a consistency of approach when dealing with such cases.

<http://www.sepa.org.uk/news/releases/view.asp?id=402&y=2006>

### **WORLD HERITAGE STATUS A STEP CLOSER FOR ANTONINE WALL (HS 21/06/06)**

The Antonine Wall has come a step closer to becoming a World Heritage Site as Patricia Ferguson MSP, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport, and five local authorities officially signed up to support the bid. The event was witnessed by archaeologists from several other European countries who were in Scotland for a conference on the Frontiers of the Roman Empire. The Minister met with representatives from councils with responsibility for sections of the wall, which marks the northernmost frontier of the Roman Empire.

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=21708>

### **SCOTLAND'S 647 BEACHES GO ONLINE (SNH 21/06/06)**

Scotland's most beautiful beaches are part of the one of the most comprehensive environmental surveys ever undertaken of Scotland's sand beaches, which has been launched on the web for the first time by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). From the particle size of sand on the idyllic Luskentyre beach in Harris, to the spectacular sand dunes of Forvie (Aberdeenshire), information on the size and features of Scotland's 647 sandy beaches is now available from The Beaches of Scotland reports online or ordered through SNH publications. Beaches in the North, South and West all showed a high proportion of erosion due to sea level rise. The reports are electronic versions of the original historic studies carried out during 1969-1981, of all Scotland's sand beaches, including their associated dunes, links and machair areas.

<http://www.snh.org.uk/press/detail.asp?id=1462>

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## RECENT MOTIONS AND BILLS PROGRESS

### **\*S2M-4526 ROBIN HARPER: PROCUREMENT ADVICE FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS (SP 09/06/06)**

That the Parliament notes that good design and management of school buildings can produce distinct advantages for pupils' health and learning; accepts that many local authorities have poor procurement procedures and ignore the best advice from the Scottish Executive provided in a wide variety of planning advice notes, and calls on the Executive to consider what steps it should take, including introducing higher regulation standards, to address the situation.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-06/bb-06-09f.htm>

**S2M-4562 MR TOM McCABE: CROFTING REFORM ETC. BILL: FINANCIAL RESOLUTION (SP 19/16/06)**

That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Crofting Reform etc. Bill, agrees to any expenditure or increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b)(iii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-06/bb-06-19f.htm>

**\*S2M-4572 JACKIE BAILLIE: NATIONAL PARKS' WEEK - 21 TO 28 JULY 2006 (SP 20/06/06)**

That the Parliament notes that 21 - 28 July is National Parks' Week 2006; acknowledges that the purpose of this week is to raise awareness of national parks and celebrate their beauty, diversity and individual qualities; recognises that Scotland's first national park at Loch Lomond and the Trossachs will be running a number of activities, including walks and exhibitions; further notes that all 14 parks across the United Kingdom are a nationally important recreational resource attracting approximately 100 million visitors a year and are an important part of the nation's heritage and economy that will be safeguarded for future generations to enjoy, and commends the Scottish Executive on bringing forward legislation early in the lifetime of the Scottish Parliament to create national parks.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-06/bb-06-20f.htm>

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## RECENT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

**S2W-26915 BRIAN ADAM (19/06/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive what plans it has for longitudinal research programmes in environmental science and land use studies and how it will determine the funding of core activities of these programmes.

**S2W-26974 MURRAY TOSH (21/06/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has considered the European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH) project to link sites of significant industrial archaeological heritage and whether it is considering developing, or supporting the development of, a Scottish "themed route" comparable with those being developed in Wales, England, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

**S2W-26975 ALASDAIR MORGAN (21/06/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive on what basis funds were allocated to projects under the Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme.

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## EVENTS

**BEST PRACTICE CONFERENCE: COMMUNITY REGENERATION IN EVERY SMALL TOWN – 4-5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006, Finland**

Small Town Networks is hosting this event, which seeks to disseminate best practice on the regeneration of small towns across Europe. The conference will provide an overview of regeneration in Europe; a discussion of national and regional regeneration policies; and presentations on best practice at the local level. Speakers are drawn from policy makers, academics and practitioners with workshops featuring good practice networks from across Europe and case studies highlighting social enterprise, young enterprise, innovation and business growth, ICT, environmental renewal and equal opportunities.

For further information contact: [bpc.registration@saarijarvi.fi](mailto:bpc.registration@saarijarvi.fi)

**EASY PEASY BEN AIGAN – BEN AIGAN, BY CRAIGELLACHIE, MORAY FORESTS, SATURDAY JULY 29TH, 11AM (FCS 22/06/06)**

This is a rare chance to see the great views from Ben Aigan without the long walk in. Drive your car to the top of Knockmore then it's only a one and a half mile walk to reach the summit. Bring a picnic to have at the top! This event will last approximately 2.5 to 3 hours and is a moderate walk Booking Essential. Contact: [rachael.jones@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:rachael.jones@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or Tel: Rachael Jones, Recreation Ranger, 01343 820223. For further information:

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/ourwoods.nsf/LUWebDocsByKey/ScotlandMorayMorayForestsBenAiganBenAiganCarParkEasyPeasyBenAigan?opendocument>

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