

PUBLICATIONS

PLANNING SERIES CIRCULAR 3/2006: PLANNING AND THE CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND USE OF TRANSPORTABLE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2005 (SE 03/11/06)

Provides guidance on the interaction between planning and the storage of dangerous goods.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/11/03102728/0>

FORTHCOMING SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICIES AND PLANNING ADVICE NOTES: IN ESTIMATED DATE ORDER (SE 27/10/06)

Planning publications programme and timetable.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/10/27150451/0>

PLANNING ADVICE NOTE PAN 51 (REVISED 2006): PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND REGULATION (SE 20/10/06)

Supports the existing policy on the role of the planning system in relation to the environmental protection regimes.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/10/20095106/0>

SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING 2006 (SE 18/10/06)

SAQP 2006 submitted applications.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/10/18084441/0>

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE NEWS RELEASE

THE SIX CITIES DESIGN FESTIVAL

The Six Cities Design Festival was officially launched on 1st November with the unveiling of plans for a three-week series of events between May 17th and June 3rd 2007. Supported by Executive funding of £3 million, the festival is part of a wider project to raise awareness of the contribution of design and creativity in enabling Scottish businesses to compete at the highest level internationally. The programme for the Six Cities Design Festival is being developed and delivered by The Lighthouse, Scotland's National Architecture and Design Centre.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2006/10/31155512>

NEWS RELEASES

SPEECH BY TESSA JOWELL - RIBA CONFERENCE - 'SOCIAL CITY: ARCHITECTURE AND CHANGE' (DCMS 26/10/06)

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2006/DCMSSpeech_riba_261006.htm

MONEY TALKS LOUDER THAN HERITAGE IN PUBLIC SECTOR SELL-OFF (NT 23/10/06)

Pressure to raise revenue or reduce expenditure is leading central and local government to dispose of property assets with too little regard to their heritage value. This is the main finding of the research study – ‘The Disposal of Heritage Assets by Public Bodies’ - which has been issued by the National Trust.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/webpack/bin/webpack.exe/livebase?object=LiveBase1&itemurn=2010&mode=wbFullItem>

MOTIONS

***S2M-5008 ROSS FINNIE: COASTAL AND MARINE NATIONAL PARKS (25/10/06)** That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive’s commitment to manage Scotland’s coastline and seas in a sustainable way; welcomes the Executive’s public consultation on proposals to establish Scotland’s first Coastal and Marine National Park, and notes that the Executive will take account of the views expressed in response to the consultation before taking decisions on how to progress the proposals.

***S2M-5027<> CHRISTINE MAY: SCOTLAND’S HISTORICAL PLACES AND ARTEFACTS (30/10/06)** That the Parliament recognises the support given by the Scottish Executive to conserve Scotland’s heritage; believes that a knowledge of the buildings, monuments, historic sites and ancient artefacts in Scotland contributes to our knowledge of ourselves as a nation; welcomes the recent announcements on funding to protect ancient battlefields and historic buildings and to support local projects; further welcomes the statutory protection given to listed buildings and ancient monuments; considers that the voluntary register of historic sites maintained by most local authorities is a welcome source of information on Scotland’s history and peoples; congratulates the Council for Scottish Archaeology and national, local authority and community historical, archaeological and museum groups which work tirelessly to research, identify and conserve places such as the henge at Balfarg in Glenrothes and the Bronze Age burial cist at Sillerhole in Leven and display artefacts in both national and local museums such as Lower Methil Heritage Centre; believes that opportunities exist to give further protection through legislative measures; welcomes the offer by the Deputy Minister for Communities to discuss such opportunities in the context of the current planning Bill, and believes that all MSPs and ministers should consider what further support can be given to protect Scotland’s historical places and artefacts.

RECENT PARLIAMENTARY ANSWERS

Q S2W-28602 RICHARD LOCHHEAD (22/09/06) To ask the Scottish Executive how many wind energy projects have been approved in each of the last three years, broken down by local authority area and showing the scale of each project in (a) megawatts and (b) number of turbines.

A ANSWERED BY ALLAN WILSON (03/10/06) Details of wind farm applications consented under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for developments in excess of 50Mw in each of last three years are given in tables at:
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/webapp/wa.result>
Details of wind farm developments of 50Mw and below approved by planning authorities under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 were given in response to written parliamentary question S2W-26084. We do not hold details of the year in which they were approved.

EVENTS

NATURAL STONE INSTITUTE 3RD ANNUAL LECTURE

The 3rd NSI Annual Lecture will be held on Thursday 16th November 2006. Peter Buchanan, Project Manager for Historic Scotland, will be talking about the restoration of Stirling Castle Great Hall. Following the talk there will also be the opportunity to view this exceptionally beautiful venue with this expert guide. The evening will begin at 7pm, with a buffet prior to the lecture.

For further information contact: Sarah Bailey, Natural Stone Institute 0131 557 3336 or e-mail:- sarahbailey@nsiuk.org

BEFS WORKSHOP: HEACS REPORTS ON: HERITAGE PROTECTION LEGISLATION, AND ON THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CONSERVING THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: OPPORTUNITY FOR STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

This workshop will take place on Friday 17th November 2006, 9.45 – 1.30pm, Edinburgh. The workshop will focus on the recommendations made in the reports and consider: the main priorities for action; ideas on how to take priorities forward; ideas for what stakeholders can do to support action.

For further information and to register attendance contact the BEFS office at: 0131 556 5353, or email: fbinning@befso.org.uk.

DECONSTRUCTING SLATE – NATURAL SLATE WORKSHOP

Held in Edinburgh on 23rd November 2006: 10.00am – 3.30pm: this seminar reviews the different types of slates used in Britain, looking at the British and new European slates. For architects, planners and practitioners working in the urban or rural environment. **For further information and booking contact: Sarah Bailey, Natural Stone Institute 0131 557 3336 or e-mail:- sarahbailey@nsiuk.org.**

VACANCIES

BEFS FORUM CO-ORDINATOR (6 MONTH MATERNITY COVER)

Circa £24K pa, 37 hrs/wk. Secondment considered.

An exciting opportunity to run a voluntary sector membership forum, focusing on facilitating joint activity and engaging with the Scottish Executive and Parliament on policy issues relating to the built environment. Would suit individual with policy development background. Small office environment, central Edinburgh, responsible to Board of Directors. Applicants are encouraged to call the current Co-ordinator Jo Robertson to find out more about the role.

For an Application Pack or further queries contact: Jo Robertson 0131 556 5353, jrobertson@befso.org.uk, or visit www.befso.org.uk/issues.htm

Closing date: Friday 24th November 2006

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