

CONSULTATIONS

WEST EDINBURGH PLANNING FRAMEWORK, 2006: CONSULTATION DRAFT (SE 30/11/06)

Whilst still pitched at a strategic level, the West Edinburgh Planning Framework 2006 provides more detail about the location of additional investment planned for the area.

Deadline for responses: 21/02/07

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/11/30125742/0>

STRENGTHENING AND STREAMLINING: THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN SCOTLAND (SE 23/11/06)

This wide-ranging consultation document considers how we can improve our environment not by introducing new laws but by enforcing existing laws better and consider a large number of options routes to securing better compliance from education and advice for business to prosecution in the courts. Deadline for responses: 22/02/07

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/11/22152827/0>

PUBLICATIONS

DRAFT PLANNING POLICY ON RENEWABLE ENERGY (SPP6) CONSULTATION RESPONSES (SE 04/12/06)

Responses to the consultation draft.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/12/04103231/0>

SUMMARY REPORT: COLLOQUIUM - DESIGN CODING (A+DS)

'Design Coding' was the third in a series of A+DS colloquia addressing key built environment issues. The event was held during Urban Design Week and was attended by an invited multi-disciplinary audience of 38 professionals.

http://www.ads.org.uk/download/241106/design_coding.pdf

SCOTLAND'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT AUDIT WEBSITE

The dedicated website for Scotland's Historic Environment Audit is now live and can be found at

www.heritageaudit.org.uk. Content will be regularly updated.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE NEWS RELEASE

EURO FUNDING FOR VOLUNTARY PROJECTS (SE 24/11/06)

Over 50 voluntary sector projects are among 162 projects that will benefit from the Executive's decision to extend a funding programme for a further six months. A total of £5.46 million will be distributed according to the current Objective 3 European Structural Funds programme (2000-2006). Four new Structural Funds programmes will operate from 2007-2013. European Structural Funds help reinforce and add value to a number of the Scottish Executive's key policies such as the Framework for Economic Development in Scotland, Workforce Plus - An Employability Framework for Scotland, Closing the Opportunity Gap, Regeneration Policy Statement, the NEET Strategy, More Choices More Chances, Smart Successful Scotland, and the Lifelong Learning Strategy.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2006/11/24104621>

NEWS RELEASES

NHS SCOTLAND DESIGN CHAMPIONS' NETWORK LAUNCHED (A+DS NOVEMBER 2006)

Andy Kerr MSP, Minister for Health and Community Care and Architecture + Design Scotland have recently launched the NHS Scotland Design Champions' Network. At the heart of the initiative is the drive for better healthcare buildings which can make a measurable difference to the experience of staff, patients and their families.

http://www.ads.org.uk/nhs_design_champion.html

DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME PUBLISHED (EH NOVEMBER 2006)

English Heritage is pleased to present its first Disability Equality Scheme. This scheme is committed to helping everyone understand and enjoy the historic environment around them, recognising that it can be perceived as inaccessible. Some amazing solutions have been identified which address all types of barriers, whether physical or otherwise.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.9765>

RECENT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

S2W-30304 SARAH BOYACK 05/12/06 To ask the Scottish Executive what proportion of respondents to the consultation on Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 6 supported a 20% or greater target for on-site renewable energy generation in new developments.

S2W-30323 MARLYN GLEN 05/12/06 To ask the Scottish Executive how much expenditure has been allocated to the (a) Dundee City, (b) Angus and (c) Aberdeenshire council to develop and promote the planning system through online access.

S2W-30383 FERGUS EWING 07/12/06 To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will reform the law relating to the requirement for wind turbines for domestic dwellings to have planning permission and, in particular, whether it will introduce a provision to have the same effect as Planning Policy Statement 22 on renewable energy policies.

S2W-30403 ALEX NEIL 07/12/06 To ask the Scottish Executive what its policy is for encouraging new homes to be carbon-neutral.

S2W-30404 ALEX NEIL 07/12/06 To ask the Scottish Executive what its policy is for encouraging existing homes to be carbon-neutral.

EVENTS

HISTORIC SCOTLAND NATIONAL STONE CONFERENCE - 'BRIDGING WITH STONE'.

7/8 FEBRUARY 2007, SECC, GLASGOW

This conference will provide an overview of the main issues related to building with stone and will focus on the following four key themes; its impact on the economy, research and education, skills development and sourcing stone. For further information and booking details follow the link below or contact Sharon Burt, RICS Scotland, Tel: 0131 240 0836 or e-mail Sburt@rics.org.

http://www.rics.org/AboutRICS/RICSworldwide/RICSScotland/historicscotland_nationalstoneconf_78feb07.html

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); 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:

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