

## **FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS**

### **SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICY ON THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (SPRING 2007)**

Scottish Historic Environment Policy is a series of policy documents that sets out Scottish Ministers' strategic policies for the historic environment. This consultation sets out Scottish Ministers' policy for the control of works affecting scheduled monuments.

### **SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICY ON PROPERTIES IN THE CARE OF SCOTTISH MINISTERS (SPRING 2007)**

Scottish Historic Environment Policy is a series of policy documents that sets out Scottish Ministers' strategic policies for the historic environment. This document sets out for consultation Scottish Ministers' policy on the conservation of and access to, the properties in their care which are looked after by Historic Scotland on their behalf.

### **SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICY (SHEP) ON LISTING (SPRING 2007)**

Scottish Historic Environment policy is a series of policy documents that sets out the Scottish Ministers' strategic policies for the historic environment. This consultation document sets out Scottish Ministers' policy on listing, the process that identifies, designates and provides statutory protection of buildings of 'special architectural or historic interest'.

### **SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICY (SHEP) ON LISTED BUILDING CONSENT (SPRING 2007)**

Scottish Historic Environment Policy is a series of policy documents that sets out Scottish Ministers' strategic policies for the historic environment. This document sets out for consultation Scottish Ministers' policy for the control of works affecting buildings included in the statutory List of Buildings of Special Architecture or Historic Interest.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH SCOTLAND'S FIRST COASTAL AND MARINE NATIONAL PARK – CONSULTATION RESPONSES (SE 01/03/07)**

Consultation responses

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/03/01090919/0>

### **FORTHCOMING SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICIES AND PLANNING ADVICE NOTES (SE 28/02/07)**

SPP and PAN publication programme.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/02/28141412/0>

### **HOUSING TRENDS IN SCOTLAND: QUARTER ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 (SE 27/02/07)**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/02/23145056/0>

### **SMALL COUNTRY BIG PLANS (23/02/07)**

National Planning Framework 2 awareness leaflet (SE 23/02/07)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/02/12121031/0>

**FULL COST RECOVERY IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT - RESEARCH FINDINGS (22/02/07)**

Report on costs and impacts of the implementation of the principle of Full Cost Recovery in the public sector contracts with the voluntary sector

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/02/15094201/0>

**A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE 2006 SCOTTISH PLANNING ACT (SE 09/03/07)**

A 2 page guide to the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/03/07131521/0>

**PLANNING ADVICE NOTE 81: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT "PLANNING WITH PEOPLE" - ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES (SE 09/03/07)**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/03/07090708/0>

**SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME: ANNUAL REPORT 2007 (SE 08/03/07)**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/03/08105454/0>

## SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE NEWS RELEASE

**HISTORICAL TREASURE SECURED FOR SCOTLAND (SE 09/03/07)**

A priceless collection of historical documents has been secured for Scotland.

The Dalhousie papers cover 900 years of Scotland's history and its people, and how Scots have influenced the wider world.

The Executive and the National Heritage Memorial Fund - the fund of last resort for the UK's heritage coming to the rescue to fund emergency acquisitions - are both contributing £800,000 each towards the total cost of securing the collection for the National Archives of Scotland.

Culture Minister Patricia Ferguson said:

"Securing this collection will enhance the national, international, cultural and educational reputation and image of Scotland.

"The Dalhousie papers are of outstanding importance to the history of this country covering nearly 900 years of Scottish history.

"I'm also pleased that the National Archives of Scotland will be using the latest digital technology to open this collection to an ever widening public, both at home and abroad."

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2007/03/09092621>

## NEWS RELEASES

**A+DS TO SUPPORT SCOTLAND'S 6 PATHFINDER URBAN REGENERATION COMPANIES.**

Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS) has teamed up with the Scottish Executive Development Department to drive forward the design agenda with the six (6) Pathfinder Urban Regeneration Companies (URCs).

The three year Framework Agreement will allow a dedicated programme of work under the People and Place Regeneration Policy Statement, thereby raising the level of ambition and design quality throughout the URC areas.

<http://www.ads.org.uk/pathfinder.html>

### **MARINE BILL WHITE PAPER LAUNCH - 15TH MARCH (DEFRA 09/03/07)**

The Government's White paper that will lead to the first ever Marine Bill for the UK will take place in London on the 15th March. An online version of the White Paper will be available from 15th March on the Marine Bill pages of the Defra website:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/policy/marine-bill/index.htm>

[http://www.sacn.org.uk/Conservation-and-Political-News/Marine\\_Bill\\_Launch.html](http://www.sacn.org.uk/Conservation-and-Political-News/Marine_Bill_Launch.html)

### **RIAS ACCREDITATION SCHEME – CERTIFICATES OF DESIGN AND ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES**

The RIAS has launched an accreditation scheme whereby through this scheme RIAS members will be able to issue Certificates of Design 6 (Domestic) and Energy Performance Certificates, the EPC will be mandatory requirement for all new houses completed on a warrant issued from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

The scheme will provide all Architects who sign up with unlimited use of the RIAS commissioned SAP software. For further information and to sign up please go to: [www. RIAS-regs.co.uk](http://www.RIAS-regs.co.uk)

## **MOTIONS AND BILL PROGRESS**

**\*S2M-5617 RHONA BRANKIN: AFFORDABLE HOUSING (21/02/07)** That the Parliament welcomes the importance that the Scottish Executive has placed on ensuring the provision of affordable housing across Scotland; notes the significant investment of £1.2 billion that is delivering 21,500 new affordable homes and the success of the innovative shared equity scheme, Homestake; welcomes the additional steps that have been taken to increase the proportion of affordable homes within new housing developments, and notes the intention of the Executive to ensure that affordable houses are also sustainable houses.

Supported by: Des McNulty\*

**\*S2M-5617.1 BILL AITKEN: AFFORDABLE HOUSING (22/02/07)** As an amendment to motion (S2M-5617) in the name of Rhona Brankin, leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises that the private and public rental and purchase sectors are under considerable pressure and are not able to keep up with the high demand for affordable housing, especially in rural areas; is alarmed that last year first-time buyer activity reached its lowest level in 25 years; regrets that the Lib-Lab pact has failed to enable Scottish tenants to take advantage of housing stock transfer and, over the last year, has overseen four "no" votes in Edinburgh, Stirling, Renfrewshire and the Highlands and welcomes the Scottish Conservatives' support for housing stock transfer and the continuation of tenants' right to buy their local authority homes; is opposed to the proposal for the single seller survey as it "will cause difficulties for disadvantaged buyers and sellers, who may be on low incomes and/or be buying or selling low-value properties in areas of low demand", as highlighted by the Scottish Consumer Council, and considers that the single seller survey is based on an inadequate pilot and is an unnecessary and costly intervention in a sensitive market."

Supported by: Dave Petrie\*, Mr David Davidson\*

**\*S2M-5617.2 TRICIA MARWICK: AFFORDABLE HOUSING (22/03/07)** As an amendment to motion (S2M-5617) in the name of Rhona Brankin, leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that between 1999 and 2004 fewer houses were built for social rent under the Labour/Liberal Democrat government than in 1995 under the Conservative government and that waiting lists and those presenting as homeless are at record levels; notes the failure of the Scottish government to keep the promises made to Glasgow tenants on second stage stock transfer, and considers that this Scottish government has failed to adequately address the housing crisis in Scotland."

Supported by: Linda Fabiani\*

**\*S2M-5651 PATRICK HARVIE: LIVING STREETS (26/02/07)** That the Parliament welcomes the Manifesto for Scottish Streets 2007, produced by Living Streets, a charity which campaigns for better streets and public spaces for people on foot; recognises that getting more people walking will help address climate change through reduced car use, tackle obesity, reduce congestion and air and noise pollution, reduce deaths and injuries on the road and involve communities in their local area, thereby improving social cohesion, and urges the Scottish Executive and local authorities to address concerns that people have with their streets which are preventing them from feeling safe walking in their communities.

**S2M-5638 SHIONA BAIRD: LIGHTS OUT FOR INCANDESCENTS DOWN UNDER (26/02/07)** That the Parliament welcomes the recent announcement by the Australian Government that incandescent light bulbs will not meet mandatory energy efficiency standards after 2010 and notes that this measure will result in a reduction in Australian greenhouse gas emissions of four million tonnes per year by 2015; notes that not only do compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) use roughly one-fifth of the energy of a traditional incandescent bulb for a similar light output but that they also last several times longer, leading to significant cost savings from the use of CFLs; believes that the phasing out of inefficient light bulbs is just one step along a path towards maximum energy efficiency in all sectors within Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Executive to do everything in its power to ensure that all energy consumed in Scotland is used as efficiently as possible.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS, WESTMINSTER, MOTIONS

### **NOMINATION OF THE ANTONINE WALL FOR WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS:**

**JO SWINSON, MR DON FOSTER, PETE WISHART, JOHN MCFALL, MR HUGO SWIRE, BOB RUSSELL, PETER BOTTOMLEY, MR ANDREW DISMORE, MR ANDREW PELLING (05/02/07)**

That this House welcomes the nomination of the Antonine Wall for UNESCO World Heritage Site status; notes the historical significance of the Wall as denoting the true north-western frontier of the Roman Empire; further notes that the Wall's distance slabs form one of the most important groups of preserved Roman military sculptures; further notes the importance both of preserving the Wall and educating the public about its historical significance; and supports the ongoing work in other countries to denote more extensively the borders of the Roman Empire as World Heritage sites.

## RECENT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions marked with a triangle (Δ) are initiated by the Scottish Executive in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

**S2W-31872Δ DR ELAINE MURRAY (20/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive how it will take forward its commitment to publishing a renewed statement on architecture policy, as announced in its response to the Cultural Commission report in 2006 and following its recent review and public consultation on architecture policy

**S2W-31904 RICHARD LOCHHEAD (22/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what steps have been taken to investigate the design quality of schools and other public buildings financed through PPP and how they compare in this respect with public buildings financed through traditional and alternative routes and what the conclusions were of any such investigations.

**S2W-31940 MR FRANK MCAVEETY (23/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive when it will respond to the views expressed in submissions to the consultative process on Scottish Planning Policy 11.

**S2W-31985 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what consideration has been given to establishing a blue plaque scheme similar to that operated by English Heritage.

**S2W-31986 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what information it holds on sites of local, regional, national or international importance (a) in Stirlingshire and (b) throughout Scotland.

**S2W-31987 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive how many workers are employed in tourism and tourism-related industries in each local authority area.

**S2W-31988 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what the top 50 tourist attractions are by number of annual visitors.

**S2W-31989 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive how many people have visited the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park in each year since its establishment.

**S2W-31990 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what funding has been made available to the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority in each year since its establishment.

**S2W-31991 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive how many jobs are supported by the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.

**S2W-31992 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what assessment has been made of the financial contribution made by the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park to the national economy.

**S2W-31993 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what proportion of users of the railway stations at Tyndrum, Crianlarich and Balloch is estimated to be visitors to the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.

**S2W-31994 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (26/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what assessment has been made of the contribution of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park to local tourism.

**S2W-32212 ROBIN HARPER (07/03/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it considers that forestry should be covered by the provisions of the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 and what representations it will make to Her Majesty's Government on the matter.

**S2W-32287 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (09/03/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether consideration has been given to requiring local NHS boards to be statutory consultees for planning applications concerning large housing developments to enable the impact of such developments on local health services or facilities to be taken into account.

**S2W-32288 DR SYLVIA JACKSON (09/03/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether consideration has been given to requiring local authorities to seek the views of neighbouring local authorities when large housing developments are proposed which may impact on traffic in the neighbouring area moving to and from such developments.

## RECENT PARLIAMENTARY ANSWERS

**S2W-31478 - CHRISTINE GRAHAME (SOUTH OF SCOTLAND) (SNP) (29/01/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive why the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive was not implemented in Scotland on 4 January 2006, as required by Article 15 of that directive.

**ANSWERED BY RHONA BRANKIN (05/02/07)** I have asked Dr. Paul Stollard, Chief Executive of the Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA), to answer. His response is as follows:

Directive 2002/91/EC was implemented in Scotland on 4 January 2006. However, notification of implementation to the European Commission was made in April 2006, to align with notification from England and Wales.

**S2W-31479 - CHRISTINE GRAHAME (SOUTH OF SCOTLAND) (SNP) (29/01/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what evidence it has that Scotland does not have sufficient qualified or accredited experts for full implementation of the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.

**ANSWERED BY RHONA BRANKIN (05/02/07)** I have asked Dr. Paul Stollard, Chief Executive of the Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA), to answer. His response is as follows:

In the early years of Directive implementation, it is estimated that there will be around 250,000 energy performance certificates required per annum. The calculation tools which support the methodology required by the Directive 2002/91/EC were only finalised in spring of 2006. Also, the agency is in the process of setting up protocols with professional organisations who can accredit their members to do the certification and inspection work. Clearly there are not yet sufficient experts to do this work and enable full implementation.

**S2W-31480 - CHRISTINE GRAHAME (SOUTH OF SCOTLAND) (SNP) (29/01/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive when the European Commission was notified of Scotland's inability to implement the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive on time and what reasons were given to the commission.

**ANSWERED BY RHONA BRANKIN (05/02/07)** I have asked Dr. Paul Stollard, Chief Executive of the Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA), to answer. His response is as follows:

The Directive was implemented in Scotland on time, on 4 January 2006. Notification of implementation to the European Commission was made in April 2006, to align with notification from England and Wales. As with the remainder of the UK, Scotland has chosen to derogate full implementation of Articles 7, 8 and 9. The reason given to the Commission by the UK was on the basis of insufficient "Independent Experts" as required by Article 10 and permitted by Article 15.

**S2W-31481 - CHRISTINE GRAHAME (SOUTH OF SCOTLAND) (SNP) (29/01/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what the Scottish framework is for approval of independent experts, required under Article 10 of the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, and what the timetable is for approval of these experts.

**ANSWERED BY RHONA BRANKIN (05/02/07)** I have asked Dr. Paul Stollard, Chief Executive of the Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA), to answer. His response is as follows:

In broad terms, the framework is that the agency will enter into protocols with professional organisations that can support their members by facilitating or approving training in the calculation tools which support the methodology and the energy performance certification procedures. These organisations then have the ability to state who has completed courses and are therefore in a position to do energy certification. Another important aspect of protocol is that such organisations have a code of conduct for their members which includes:

a requirement that their members do not work beyond their level of expertise, and

have disciplinary procedures for members that behave in a reckless manner.

Discussions on protocols so far, have been with the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE), Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Chartered Institute of Architectural

Technologists (CIAT) and Royal Incorporation of Architects (RIAS). The agency, however, will be prepared to enter into protocols with other professional organisations that can meet similar criteria.

The timetable for introduction of energy performance certificates when buildings are sold (introduction in 2008) and when buildings are rented out (introduction in 2009) is sufficient to allow experts to become accredited.

**S2W-31633 - SHIONA BAIRD (NORTH EAST SCOTLAND) (GREEN) (02/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it would consider removing replacement windows from Schedule 3 of the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 if evidence were presented that this would lead to greater compliance levels and, if so, what its timetable for such a change would be.

**ANSWERED BY RHONA BRANKIN ((12/02/07)** I have asked Dr. Paul Stollard, Chief Executive of the Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA), to answer. His response is as follows:

Being in Schedule 3 of the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004, replacement windows are exempt from requiring a building warrant but only provided they comply with the building regulations. It is not feasible to reconsider the exemption because the large number of replacements would have a severe impact on the building standards work of local authorities. The agency would, however, welcome an Approved Certifier of Construction Scheme to improve compliance and has attempted to interest the glass and glazing industry in running such a scheme.

**S2W-31682 - MURDO FRASER (MID-SCOTLAND AND FIFE) (CON) (07/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what its position is on the relocation of the Stone of Destiny to Scone.

**ANSWERED BY PATRICIA FERGUSON (19/02/07)** Decisions regarding the Stone of Destiny rest solely with Her Majesty The Queen as advised by Her Commissioners for the Safekeeping of the Regalia, whose duties are set out under the Royal warrant issued on 12 November 1996 immediately prior to the Stone's departure from Westminster Abbey and return to Scotland. Historic Scotland officials have advised the Commissioners on technical matters relating to the care of the stone (and the Honours of Scotland) but they have no locus in any decision-making regarding the location of the stone. This is solely a matter for the commissioners.

**S2W-31684 - FERGUS EWING (INVERNESS EAST, NAIRN AND LOCHABER) (SNP) (07/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether Forestry Commission Scotland will approve grant applications from Scottish Natural Heritage which contain no provision for fencing.

**ANSWERED BY SARAH BOYACK (20/02/07)** Forestry Commission Scotland will approve grant for planting schemes which contain no provision for fencing whether submitted by Scottish Natural Heritage or by other applicants if they are satisfied that there is no significant risk of damage from deer or other grazing animals. If such planting schemes are not successful, the applicant would be asked to carry out remedial work to ensure that the scheme will become established.

**S2W-31741 - ROSEMARY BYRNE (SOUTH OF SCOTLAND) (SOL) (12/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what role Architecture and Design Scotland has in schools built under PPP contracts.

**ANSWERED BY HUGH HENRY (22/02/07)** Architecture and Design Scotland was established as an advisory non-departmental public body in April 2005. Its role, set out in Scottish Planning Policy 20, is to provide independent advice on new development through its design review and enabling functions. It has already provided advice on several local authority school building projects, including some being procured through PPP.

**S2W-31742 - ROSEMARY BYRNE (SOUTH OF SCOTLAND) (SOL) (12/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what research it has undertaken, or intends to undertake, into whether schools built under PPP contracts offer value for money.

**ANSWERED BY HUGH HENRY (22/02/07)** All PPP projects, including schools projects, must each demonstrate value for money against a conventional procurement approach when compared on a risk adjusted whole life basis.

**S2W-31748 - ROBIN HARPER (LOTHIANS) (GREEN) (13/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether local authorities may use compulsory purchase orders to buy land owned by Scottish Natural Heritage for the sites of new schools.

**ANSWERED BY SARAH BOYACK (27/02/07)** Local authorities may use compulsory purchase orders under the Acquisition of Land Act 1947 to buy land owned by Scottish Natural Heritage.

**S2W-31795 - MURDO FRASER (MID-SCOTLAND AND FIFE) (CON) (15/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what action is being taken to protect Ardoch Roman Fort.

**ANSWERED BY PATRICIA FERGUSON (27/02/07)** The Ardoch Fort complex is currently being rescheduled to extend the protected area to the north and west in order to protect all Roman remains visible as crop marks on aerial photographs.

Whilst on-going management of the site is the responsibility of the owner, the 1979 act does not impose any obligation on the owner of a monument to maintain it. Historic Scotland can and does offer grants to owners for works that benefit a monument. Recently, several grants have been given to support the better management of the site, and to allow it to be appreciated as a single entity.

The current greatest single problem is a recurrence of rabbit infestation. Between August 2005 and March 2006, rabbit proof fencing was erected around the site, jointly funded by a Rural Stewardship Scheme application and a Historic Scotland grant. It is hoped that this barrier, combined with a program of night shooting, will reduce the number of rabbits in the fort in coming years. Historic Scotland officials continue to be closely involved in this case and visit the site regularly.

An erosion survey of the fort is currently being undertaken. This will complement the erosion survey which took place in 1997, and provide information on the stability of the monument over a 10 year period.

**S2W-31798 - MURDO FRASER (MID-SCOTLAND AND FIFE) (CON) (15/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive what funding it is providing to protect Scotland's trees and woodlands such as the Fortingall Yew and Meikleour beech hedge.

**ANSWERED BY SARAH BOYACK (27/02/07)** Environment and Rural Development

Murdo Fraser (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con): To ask the Scottish Executive what funding it is providing to protect Scotland's trees and woodlands such as the Fortingall Yew and Meikleour beech hedge.

**(S2W-31798)**

Sarah Boyack: One of Forestry Commission Scotland's (FCS) key responsibilities is to protect Scotland's trees, woods and forests. This is mainly administered through felling permissions, long-term forest plans and direct grant-aid for forest establishment and management through grant incentives such as the Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme.

Heritage trees within woodlands can be supported and protected as part of an FCS grant scheme or through regulatory permissions. Individual trees of particularly high amenity value can also be protected by Tree Preservation Orders which are issued by local planning authorities. There are also local initiatives supported by FCS, which promote the importance of high value heritage trees. For example, the FCS inventory of Scotland's heritage trees led to the publication Heritage Trees of Scotland, which features both the Fortingall Yew and the Meikleour Beech Hedge. The "Perthshire Big Tree Country" initiative - a £1.8 million project delivered via Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust to which FCS has contributed around £600,000 through the Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme – is helping to safeguard the future of heritage trees in Perthshire.

**S2W-31853 - ROBIN HARPER (LOTHIANS) (GREEN) (16/02/07)** To ask the Scottish Executive which local authorities have active policies, based on PAN 74, that set specific requirements on developers to provide affordable homes; how many affordable housing unit planning consents have been secured, and how many affordable homes had been built under such requirements in each local authority area and in total by March 2006.

**ANSWERED BY DES McNULTY (26/02/07)** This information is not held centrally at present. PAN 74 on affordable housing was introduced in March 2005 and it will take time for all local authorities to adopt affordable housing policies in line with this advice as part of their overall planning policies and for new homes to be built. Early indications are that planning authorities are adopting affordable housing policies that reflect the advice in PAN 74 and that these are beginning to deliver additional affordable housing units. However, we are putting monitoring arrangements in place to assess the effectiveness of the advice in PAN 74.

## EVENTS

### **HOW CAN WE ENSURE SUCCESSFUL MIXED COMMUNITIES?, THE HUB, 27TH MARCH 2007, 10-4PM A SCOTTISH CENTRE FOR REGENERATION PRACTICE EVENT.**

This event will launch the important Good Practice Guide to Creating and Sustaining Mixed Communities in Scotland. The event will look at how mixed communities can be created, in Scotland. It will outline some of the key principles which need to be put in place to develop, implement and manage mixed communities over the longer term,

For further information and booking please go to: [www.scr.communitiesscotland.gov.uk](http://www.scr.communitiesscotland.gov.uk)

### **INEXHAUSTIBLE ABUNDANCE? ENVIRONMENT HISTORY, EDUCATORS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2007, Iris Murdoch Building, University of Stirling**

Organised by The Department of History and The HE Academy Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology

This one-day conference will focus on the key terms 'sustainability' and 'sustainable development'. The platform includes representation from the Universities of Stirling, Cambridge, Newcastle, Southampton and the Scottish Natural Heritage. The event is to enable understanding of how the actions of our ancestors have affected both the environment and the landscape and how that knowledge can impact on more informed future policy choices. The event will be looking at Scotland in its context of a wider North Atlantic World.

For booking and more information please e-mail [Alasdair.ross@stir.ac.uk](mailto:Alasdair.ross@stir.ac.uk).

## BEFS MEMBERS NEWS

### **OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE GLASITE MEETING HOUSE, 33 BARONY STREET, EDINBURGH EH3 6NX**

For further details on available office space please contact Dr Susan Buckham, AHSS, Tel: 0131 557 0019 or e-mail [director@ahss.org.uk](mailto:director@ahss.org.uk)

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