

Draft Scottish Planning Policy: Sustainability & Planning

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

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Yes No

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Please tick as appropriate

Yes

No

Please answer the questions relevant to you and provide further comment, including evidence or justification in the box provided

Responses should focus on the content of the consultation paper. There is no need to repeat comments on other sections of the Draft SPP that was consulted on previously.

Consultation Question 1

Y N

Do you think the SPP should include a presumption in favour of development that contributes to sustainable development?

X

No, we believe that as it stands this statement is ambiguous in implying that there might be 'a presumption in favour of development' rather than 'a presumption that all development should be sustainable'. Paragraph 1 should read.

'1 This means that the planning system should contribute to economically, environmentally and socially sustainable places by enabling development that balances the costs and benefits of a proposal over the longer term. The aim is to achieve the right development in the right place, it is not to allow development at any cost.'

Consultation Question 2

Y N

Do you think the proposed approach to sustainability and planning is appropriate?

X

No, we still think that the focus on 'sustainable economic growth' in paragraph 2 is wrong and should be replaced with

'2 The Scottish Government's central purpose is to focus government and public services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through sustainable development.'

We believe that 'sustainable economic growth' is a flawed term and that therefore paragraphs 3 & 5 should read

'3 The Government believes that only development that is sustainable is the key to unlocking Scotland's potential and the multiple benefits of delivering the Government's purpose, including creating employment opportunities, achieving a low carbon economy, tackling health and social problems, maintaining a high quality environment and passing on a sustainable legacy for future generations.'

5 The National Planning Framework (NPF) is the spatial expression of the Government Economic Strategy and sustainable development forms the foundation of its strategy. The NPF sits at the top of the development plan hierarchy and must be taken into account in the preparation of strategic and local development plans.

Consultation Question 3

In relation to the Equalities Impact Assessment, please tell us about any potential impacts, either positive or negative, you think the proposals in this consultation document may have on any particular groups of people.

Consultation Question 4

In relation to the Equalities Impact Assessment, please tell us about what potential there may be within these proposals to advance equality of opportunity between different groups and to foster good relations between different groups.

Consultation Question 5

In relation to the Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment, please tell us about any potential impacts, positive or negative, you think the proposals in this consultation document may have on business.