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### About you

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#### Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation

#### Would like to be contacted about future opportunities to get involved in this work, such as engagement events?

Yes

### Organisation details

#### Name of organisation

Name of organisation:  
Archaeology Scotland

#### Information about your organisation

Please add information about your organisation in the box below:

For over 75 years, we've been vocal and active advocates for Scotland's archaeology.

Archaeology Scotland works to secure the archaeological heritage of Scotland for its people through education, promotion and support.

Archaeology helps us discover how our ancestors have shaped our culture, our stories and our way of life here in Scotland. Our programmes bring the past alive and engage individuals and communities, with each other and with our heritage, learning and sharing skills, knowledge and expertise that enhance their futures, individually and collectively.

Our programmes bring diverse communities together to explore, preserve and celebrate the richness of our magical country, delving into and learning about the past and together shaping our future.

Our educational work appeals to people of all ages and across a wide range of demographics – even re-engaging those who have been absent from the school system, as well as re-invigorating the curiosity of older people who find new stimulation, connection and friendships through Archaeology Scotland's activities.

Through collaboration and responding to needs, our programmes can and do make a positive tangible difference in communities of interest such as:

The mental health and wellbeing of children young people

The employability of young people, including those not currently in education, work or training

Homeless people, migrant groups, vulnerable women, armed services veterans and other groups with additional support needs

We are interested in preserving important archaeological monuments, but we are also passionate about what that means for communities now, and we

help to bring that to life and keep it current.

We collaborate with other organisations to work together towards common goals, whether it's exploring the history of castles in the Scottish Borders or skilling up young people through Keep Scotland Beautiful's employability programme. This approach provides context and relevance to the treasures of the past as well as making a measurable difference in Scotland today.

Our programmes invite and enable participants from all walks of life to discover archaeology for themselves and tell their own stories through this lens. It is empowering and hands-on, as those who engage with us learn by doing.

## Consultation and development of the draft NPF4

Please provide your views on the consultation and development of NPF4 and how this has contributed to the draft.

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

We are pleased to see that adequate time for consultation has been given.

Please provide your views on the structure of the National Planning Framework 4 document.

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

We are pleased to see that a definition of what planning is for has been included in NPF 4 and that there is a clear link to sustainable development goals and Scotland's National Outcomes. We welcome the confirmation that planning 'is to manage development and use of land in the long-term public interest'. Further definition of 'public interest' would be useful.

Please provide your views on the incorporation of the Scottish Planning Policy and coherence of the NPF4 document overall as a roadmap.

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

## Part 1 – A National Spatial Strategy for Scotland 2045

What is your view on the Sustainable Places section?

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

We welcome the ambition of the sustainable places element of the strategy and note that there are several large scale transmission projects planned. Whilst this is very positive and will benefit island communities in particular, we would note that there will be an impact on the historic environment and the marine environment that must be taken in to consideration and appropriate mitigation measures put in place to ensure no vital evidence of past lives are lost and that the natural and cultural environments are not adversely affected.

What is your view on the Liveable Places section?

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

We would advocate that a different approach is needed toward meeting Scotland's housing needs and believe in re-use of existing buildings where possible and in encouraging people to live in town and city centres in good quality buildings. We welcome the introduction to the Quality Homes policy which states the need for our housing stock to contribute less to Scotland's climate emissions and highlights the wider benefits of better energy efficiency and greener buildings.

What is your view on the Productive Places section?

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

What is your view on the Distinctive Places section?

Please provide your response in the box provided:

Scotland's unique archaeological heritage helps to shape our distinctive places. It is important that local authorities continue to have Historic Environment Services and professional archaeologists in post to ensure that archaeological evidence is recorded and shared widely. Archaeology has much to tell us about how past societies lived more sustainably and in harmony with nature.

What is your view on the 'Spatial principles for Scotland 2045' section?

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

Do you have any other comments on the National Spatial Strategy outlined in NPF4?

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

What is your view on the 'Action areas for Scotland 2045' section?

Please enter your response in the box provided? :

Do you have any other comments on the Action areas for Scotland 2045 outlined in NPF4?

Please enter your response the box provided.:

## Part 2 – National Developments

Please provide your views on each of the National Developments in the text boxes provided below.

Central Scotland Green Network :

National Walking, Cycling and Wheeling Network :

Urban Mass/Rapid Transit Networks (Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow):

Urban, Sustainable Blue and Green drainage solutions :

Circular Economy Material Management Facilities :

Digital Fibre Network :

Island Hub for Net Zero :

Industrial Green Transition Zones :

Pumped Hydro Storage :

Hunterston Strategic Asset :

Chapelcross Power Station Redevelopment :

Strategic Renewable Electricity Generation and Transmission Infrastructure :

High Speed Rail :

Clyde Mission :

Aberdeen Harbour :

Dundee Waterfront :

Edinburgh Waterfront :

Stranraer Gateway :

Please provide any other comments on the National Developments section of the NPF4?

Please provide your response in the box provided.:

## Part 3 – National Planning Policy

Please provide your views on each of the National Planning Policies in the text boxes provided below.

Policy 1: Plan-led approach to sustainable development :

Policy 2: Climate emergency :

Policy 3: Nature crisis :

Policy 4: Human rights and equality :

Policy 5: Community wealth building :

Policy 6: Design, quality and place :

Policy 7: Local living :

Policy 8: Infrastructure First :

Policy 9: Quality homes :

Policy 10: Sustainable transport :

Policy 11: Heat and cooling :

Policy 12: Blue and green infrastructure, play and sport :

Policy 13: Sustainable flood risk and water management :

Policies 14: Health and Wellbeing :

Policies 15: Safety :

Policy 16: Land and premises for business and employment :

Policy 17: Sustainable tourism :

Policy 18: Culture and creativity :

Policy 19: Green energy :

Policy 20: Zero waste :

Policy 21: Aquaculture :

Policy 22: Minerals :

Policy 23: Digital infrastructure :

Policies 24 to 27: Distinctive places :

Policy 28: Historic assets and places :

We welcome the inclusion of this policy and would remind the committee that it is essential that local authorities have a Historic Environment Records Service in place to ensure that the policy can be implemented.

Policy 29: Urban edges and the green belt :

Policy 30: Vacant and derelict land:

Policy 31: Rural places :

Policy 32: Natural places :

Policy 33: Peat and carbon rich soils :

Policy 34: Trees, woodland and forestry :

Policy 35: Coasts :

## Part 4 – Delivering Our Spatial Strategy

Please provide your views on each of the key delivery mechanisms in the text boxes provided below.

Aligning Resources :

Infrastructure First :

Delivery of National Developments :

Development Plan Policy and Regional Spatial Strategies :

Monitoring :

## Any other comments on the NPF4 Draft

Do you have anything else to add in relation to the draft of the National Planning Framework (NPF4)?

Please provide your response in the box provided. :

The biodiversity and climate crises are interlinked and should be given equal status. Biodiversity is fundamental to life. The destruction of the historic environment, habitats and ecosystems, which often happens when land is developed, has serious consequences. Our natural world is fundamental to the regulation of greenhouse gases and protection against extreme weather. With the serious biodiversity losses we are currently causing, we are accelerating climate change and increasing our vulnerability to it.