

## Enhancing the accessibility, adaptability and usability of Scotland's homes: consultation

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Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS) is an umbrella body for organisations working in the built environment in Scotland. Drawing on extensive expertise in a membership-led forum, BEFS informs, debates and advocates on the strategic issues, opportunities and challenges facing Scotland's historic and contemporary built environment. BEFS is a supporting member of the [Climate Heritage Network](#).

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Other relevant consultation responses from BEFS can be seen below, as many issues overlap and demand associative consideration:

- [HOUSING TO 2040 – CONSULTATION RESPONSE \(27/02/2020\)](#)

BEFS statement:

BEFS is supportive of measures that increase the accessibility and usability of Scotland's dwellings, improving quality of life and enabling people to stay in their homes for longer - positively contributing to the continued use and occupancy of existing buildings. Dwellings constructed before 1919, make up approximately 19% of Scotland's building stock (SHCS 2019), totalling one in five - around 483,000 - of Scotland's homes. For any interventions and decisions which impact on traditionally constructed homes and the historic environment BEFS would refer to existing guidance on the adaptation of historic or designated properties, in line with the [Historic Environment Policy for Scotland \(HEPS\)](#) and Historic Environment Scotland's [Managing Change in the Historic Environment guidance on accessibility](#).

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BEFS responses to a number of Consultations in relation to the Built Environment can be found at: <https://www.befs.org.uk/resources/consultations/>

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The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference: **Publish response with name**

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise? **YES**

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