

Guidance on Inclusive Design for Town Centres and Busy Streets

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BEFS will be responding only to relevant questions of the consultation, as below:

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Question 9: Please give us any comments relating to Principle 9 and what it is trying to achieve (300 word limit).

BEFS supports the statement in Principle 9 that '*Good build quality using durable materials, supports access for all street users. Whole life costs for materials should be considered.*' With this, and in the context of historic town centre streets and existing infrastructure, we would encourage guidance to support the local procurement of materials, with the appropriate supply chains in place. Valuing the embodied energy in our existing buildings and infrastructure, and assessing full-lifecycle considerations allows national and local policies driving maintenance, retention, reuse and repurposing of our existing built environment – provide key benefits in Scotland's ambitions for a circular economy, climate targets, and social responsibilities.

Where appropriate this Guidance on Inclusive Design for Town Centres and Busy Streets should be considered alongside existing Conservation Area Management Plans and other relevant policies and guidance.

Question 10: Please give us any comments relating to Principle 10 and what it is trying to achieve (300 word limit).

Where appropriate, design guidance on Principle 10 should be considered alongside existing Conservation Area Management Plans and other relevant policies and guidance, ensuring good decision making for Scotland's historic towns and places.

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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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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