

Streamlining Planning Assessments: Project Update – December 3, 2014

Following the May 2014 stakeholder seminar, the Scottish Government has undertaken to provide regular updates on this project through our online webpage, the Scottish Government e-alert system, and via this project newsletter. You are receiving this email because you have previously expressed an interest in this project, however if you no longer have an interest please let us know.

Project update

Testing of the two Change Ideas is continuing in South Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire planning authorities. Together with our SG Improvement Advisor Iain Laing, we have also facilitated a number of process mapping sessions with key stakeholders, including SNH, SEPA and South Ayrshire Council, to identify issues and causes of delays and possible solutions. Further sessions are being scheduled to take place over the coming months including with planning consultants. Once these sessions have been completed, we will provide a further update to share and exchange information on new change ideas identified.

What can I do to assist?

If you are about to engage with assessments submitted in connection with a planning application in either South Ayrshire or South Lanarkshire you may be asked to participate in the testing process.

In the meantime, we are inviting our 'Change Champions' [including Key Agencies and Consultants] to:

- Disseminate information on the project within your organisations
- Support work in South Lanarkshire and South Ayrshire, where applicable, to test the [Guiding Principles](#) and [Summary template](#)
- Contact the Scottish Government with any future Change Ideas
- Contact the Scottish Government to discuss any existing case studies or examples of good practice which you consider contribute to the project aims.

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