



E: developmentplans@gov.scot

Laura M Gaddis
Planning and Building Standards HQ
Montrose House
South Lanarkshire Council

By email:
Laura.Gaddis@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

24 March 2021

Dear Laura,

**Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
Notice of Intention to Adopt – South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2**

I refer to your correspondence of 17 February 2021 certifying notice of intention to adopt the South Lanarkshire Council's Local Development Plan 2.

Scottish Ministers have decided that the proposed plan as notified is unsatisfactory and hereby direct under section 20(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, that South Lanarkshire Council consider modifying the proposed South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 as indicated in the Annex to this direction.

This direction is considered necessary to ensure the Local Development Plan does not contain out of date text regarding the Scottish Government policy position on unconventional oil and gas.

Section 20(6) provides (subject to any further direction under section 20) that your authority may not adopt the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 unless you satisfy Scottish Ministers that you have made the modifications necessary to conform with this direction, or the Scottish Ministers withdraw it.

I would be grateful if you would therefore confirm that your authority will modify the plan.

Yours sincerely

Allen Hughes
Planning & Architecture Division

ANNEX

Modification

Remove the following paragraph on Page 5 of Volume 1 of the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2:

“2.16 In October 2017, the Scottish Government put in place a permanent moratorium on unconventional oil and gas development in Scotland. The moratorium currently prevents the exploration and drilling of oil and gas by unconventional means within mainland Scotland. With this permanent moratorium in place for unconventional gas, South Lanarkshire Council as Planning Authority has decided that a policy context is not required as applications of this nature cannot be determined. If the moratorium is removed in the future a policy context on unconventional gas will be published.”