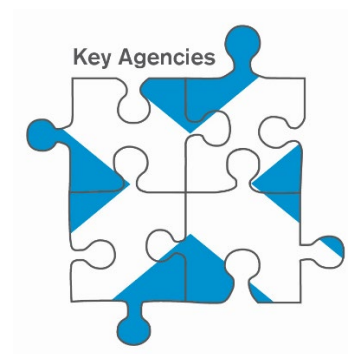


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Dear John McNairney

Proposed Amendments to Scottish Planning Policy. – Key Agencies Group Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to Scottish Planning Policy.

The Key Agencies Group (KAG) strongly support a plan led system underpinned by sound evidence. We believe that the development plan system is the most efficient and effective way to achieve sustainable development and ultimately deliver places that support Scotland's National Performance Framework outcomes in a way that addresses the Climate Emergency and biodiversity decline. We therefore welcome your clarification of the policy intentions underpinning certain paragraphs in Scottish Planning Policy included within this consultation.

Moving forwards we are keen to work with you to implement further appropriate changes to Scottish Planning Policy, or any other measures, that would support the primacy of the development plan.

I hope this is helpful. We would be happy to meet with you or other interested persons to discuss any of the above.

Your sincerely,

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On behalf of the Key Agencies Group:

- Architecture and Design Scotland
- Historic Environment Scotland
- NatureScot
- Scottish Enterprise
- Sport Scotland
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- Planning Aid Scotland