



Places, people and planning

A consultation on the future of
the Scottish planning system

Information Leaflet



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GET INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM IN SCOTLAND

The Scottish Government is consulting on the future of the Scottish planning system and is looking for your views.

On 10 January 2017 the Scottish Government published Places, People and Planning – A consultation on the future of the planning system. It contains 20 main proposals which build upon the independent review of the planning system which reported in May 2016.

The paper is open for consultation until 4 April 2017. The Government wants planning to improve the lives of the people of Scotland by making better places and supporting the delivery of good quality homes.

This is your chance to tell us what you think.

We want four key areas of change:

- 1. *Making plans for the future:*** We want Scotland's planning system to lead and inspire change by making clear plans for the future. To achieve this, we can simplify and strengthen development planning.
- 2. *People make the system work:*** We want Scotland's planning system to empower people to have more influence on the future of their places. To achieve this, we can improve the way we involve people in the planning process.
- 3. *Building more home and delivering infrastructure:*** We want Scotland's planning system to help deliver more high quality homes and create better places where people can live healthy lives and developers are inspired to invest. To achieve this, planning can actively enable and co-ordinate development.
- 4. *Stronger leadership and smarter resourcing:*** We want to reduce bureaucracy and improve resources so Scotland's planning system can focus on creating great places. To achieve this, we can remove processes that do not add value, and strengthen leadership, resources and skills.

Our four key questions to you are:

1. Do you agree that our proposed package of reforms will improve development planning? Please explain your answer.
2. Do you agree that our proposed package of reforms will increase community involvement in planning? Please explain your answer.
3. Will these proposals help to deliver more homes and the infrastructure we need? Please explain your answer.
4. Do you agree the measures set out here will improve the way that the planning service is resourced? Please explain your answer.

Other questions form part of the consultation paper. You can find out how to tell us your answers on the next page.

SO HAVE WE GOT IT RIGHT?

Come along to our drop in events around the country (further details are available on our website:

<https://beta.gov.scot/policies/planningarchitecture/reforming-planning-system/>)

The consultation closes on 4th April 2017.

Want to find out more?

You can see the full document and supporting papers online at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/>

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