

Forthcoming consultation on draft SPP 11: Physical Activity and Open Space

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Review of NPPG 11

Starting point:

- NPPG 11 under review
- PAN 65 remains in place



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NPPG 11: Sport, Physical Recreation and Open Space

- Published 1996
- Key messages still relevant
- Overall policy has dated and in need of update and review.



Scottish Planning Policies

- Formerly National Planning Policy Guidelines
- Major updating and review underway
- Growing Parliamentary interest
- More open process of policy development



Planning Advice Notes

- Identify and promote best planning practice
- Highlight efficient and effective processes
- Address current and emerging issues



PAN 65: Open Space

- Published 2003
- Still current
- Open space typology
- Open space audit and strategy

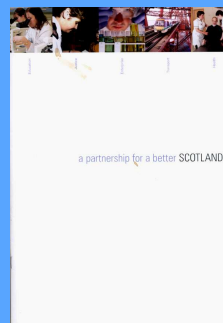


Wider context for review

- Executive policy on health
- Land reform legislation
- Reforms to the planning system
- Partnership agreement commitment to review policy and introduce minimum standards



We will improve the planning system to strengthen the involvement of local communities, speed up decisions, reflect local views better and allow quicker investment decisions.



Planning System - Main Criticisms



- Plans delayed and not kept up to date
- Sequence of plans
- Decisions take too long
- Community views not sufficiently reflected
- Status of plans



Planning Bill



- Speed up preparation and approval
- Engage with stakeholders and communities more effectively
- Make shorter plans, targeted on key spatial issues
- Model policies
- Focus on delivery – action plans

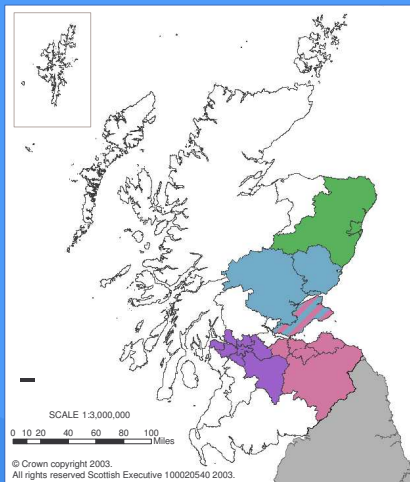


Planning Bill: New Framework

- Local development plans across country
- Removal of requirement for 2 tiers of plans; except
- Strategic development plans for 4 largest cities only



City Region Plans



- Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire
- Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Fife
- City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian, Fife and Scottish Borders
- East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire



Research into 'Minimum Standards on Open Space'

- Research commissioned 2004 to inform review of NPPG 11
- Published August 2005



Key issues from research

- Mixed progress on open space audits and strategies
- Councils to be required to prepare open space strategies
- Extend presumption against disposal and redevelopment of publicly owned open space



Further recommendations from research:

- Proposed minimum standards for open space in new development
- Included a table of proposed standards and thresholds



Draft SPP 11 – objectives

- ensure strategic approach
- protect and enhance networks
- support opportunities for active and passive recreation
- set standards for quantity and quality of open space in new developments
- provide guidance on planning for development of new sports and recreation facilities



Draft SPP 11 – issues covered



- Sets out value of open space
- Local authority development and schools development
- Outdoor access – green networks, core paths
- Roles of local authorities, communities, developers, consultees and stakeholders



Draft SPP – Allotments



- Value of allotments
- Open space audit - typology
- Minimum standards: Allotments one of a range of types of space that can be provided



Draft SPP – Next steps



- Publication of consultation draft in near future, subject to finalising
- Consultation will run for 3 months – to approximately late September 2006
- Comments invited
- Analysis of responses Autumn 2006
- Preparation of final version with input from advisory group
- Publication of final version early 2007



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