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Submitted to **Consultation: Scotland's Third Land Use Strategy**
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Welcome

Introduction

Section 1 - Does a changing context need a changing vision?

Q1 Do you feel this vision still reflects the outcomes we need to achieve?

Yes

Q2 If not, what key changes would you like to see for a new Land Use vision?

Please enter any changes you would like to see for the vision:

The statement is correct to highlight the importance of plans and decision-taking on land use. It will be important therefore that the Regional Land Use Partnerships are established and operate appropriately. If we are to create a proper collaborative relationship through RLUPs, stakeholders will wish to feel fully engaged with the process, as well as the outcome of RLUP proposals on land use.

Section 1 - Does a changing context need a changing vision?

Q3 Do you think any of the above objectives need updating? If so, please indicate which you think needs changes. You can tick all that apply.

I think they are good as they are, no changes needed

Q4 If you consider that one or more objectives need updating, please explain what changes you would like to see in the objective(s). Please make sure you state clearly which objective each suggestion relates to.

Please type changes you would like to make to the objectives here:

We agree with the objectives generally. The third objectives covering connecting urban and rural communities with the land is one that could be addressed, to a degree, with enhanced approaches to place making. This is an objective that has been of interest to our members for a significant period of time, with engagement with both the regeneration and planning areas of the Scottish Government. Place-making for sustainable communities is not just for development planning. It will require long term maintenance, commitment and investment in places for them to endure and be successful. Proposals made by RLUPs must therefore recognise the need to understand and coordinate not just physical changes to land use, but also the longer term financial investment in land necessary to support the aspirations of the objectives supporting the Third Land Use Strategy.

Section 2 - Achieving the objectives: getting the best from our land

Q5 Before reading this document were you aware of the pressures on our land?

Aware of many of the pressures on our land

Q6 Are you aware of ways people can get involved in land use matters within your local area?

Yes

Section 3 - Using landscapes to talk about land use

Section 3 - Urban

Section 3 - Peri-urban

Section 3 - Fertile land

Section 3 - Marginal land

Section 3 - Uplands

Section 3 - Semi-natural land

Section 3 - Rivers and water bodies

Section 3 - Coastal

Section 3 - Islands

Section 3 - Offshore

Section 3 - Landscape Questions

Q7 Do you think the landscapes are an effective way to communicate Scottish Government policy?

I don't know

Please enter any comments:

We believe this has been a useful approach for this stage of the third land use strategy. However, we may not be able to judge the success of the approach until we see the full response to this consultation. For the Scottish Property Federation and its members, the landscape visions covering urban and peri-urban are expected to be of greatest interest. The landscape approach helps us to focus on these aspects of the strategy as we engage with planning authorities and other stakeholders.

Q8 Under each landscape we have identified three sub headings: Climate Change, Biodiversity and Communities. Do you feel these capture the crosscutting themes that are important to all of Scotland?

I don't know

Please enter any comments:

It will be important to recognise that for communities to thrive they also need to support places for employment. This goes beyond land-based businesses. This is true for both urban and rural communities and indeed it has been a challenge for rural communities to retain communities of working age in recent years. The greater use of home working seen since the pandemic may check to a degree some of the longer-term population trends towards urban centres, but nonetheless to achieve sustainable places it will be important that employment needs are also considered by the land use strategy.

Q9 Does the content of the Land Use Strategy and the manner in which it has been presented, demonstrate that the Scottish Government is taking steps to help deliver sustainable land use?

I don't know

Please enter any comments:

We agree with the intention to develop a single overarching strategic document and the proposal to produce a second stage of delivery plans in the next parliament.

We have also welcomed its presentation of landscapes to provide focus for different aspects of land use. How the strategy is taken forward at Stage 2 will be crucial to take forward the issues raised in this consultation. We will be pleased to engage constructively in the future development of both this overarching land use strategy, and the Regional Land Use Partnerships.

Section 4 - Equality: call for evidence

Q10 If you have lived experience or have studied the impacts of land use, land use change, or access to the outdoors on age, disability, sex, pregnancy and maternity, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, please provide us with details about this in the box below.

Please enter your response to the question here, or you can upload a file below:

If applicable, choose a file to upload:

No file was uploaded

Section 4 - Equality: call for evidence

Q11 Are you aware of any examples of how the Land Use Strategy might impact, positively or negatively, island communities in a way that is different from its impact on mainland areas?

Please enter your response here:

Q12 Are there any particular current or future impacts you can think of on young people (children, pupils, and young adults up to the age of 26) of land use, land use change, or any other aspect of the Land Use Strategy, positively or negatively. Please provide examples or evidence:

Please enter your response here:

About you

What is your name?

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Scottish Property Federation

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response with name

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent

Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Slightly dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.:

If the survey/questions could be entered via Word a part of the online system that would be helpful to be able to edit and check our answers and comments.

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Slightly dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.: