

Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment

ASSESSMENT NOT REQUIRED DECLARATION

Policy title	The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development and Use Classes) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020
Directorate: Division: team	Local Government and Communities: Planning and Architecture: Development Delivery
Policy lead responsible for taking the decision	Neil Langhorn

Rationale for decision
<p>It is considered that changes to specific categories of development within the General permitted Development Order do not amount to making a Strategic Change to Policy. In most cases which are proposed permitted development rights are already in place such as for agriculture, active travel and digital communications. The Restoration of Peatlands is being added as a new category of development however, it is not considered that this qualifies as a strategic decision requiring the completion of the Fairer Scotland Duty. The Permitted Development rights which are being proposed only permit certain types of development in certain circumstances and for developments which do not meet these requirements then an application for full planning permission will be required.</p> <p>During the consultation on our proposed changes we sought the views of stakeholders on our intention to not carry out a Fairer Scotland Assessment. Only one response was received that disagreed with our approach which suggested that the granting of PDR for the conversion of agricultural buildings to residential or commercial premises amounted to a significant change to national planning policy. However, we do not consider that the proposals introduce socio-economic disadvantage to at risk groups hence a full assessment is not required.</p>

I confirm that the decision to not carry out a Fairer Scotland assessment has been authorised by:

Name and job title of Deputy Director (or equivalent)	Date authorisation given
John McNairney, Chief Planner and Deputy Director	15 December 2020