EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992. Schedule 1 confers permitted development rights in respect of certain development and where such rights apply, no specific application for planning permission is needed. This Order extends permitted development rights to certain individual microgeneration technologies.

Article 2(2) and the Schedule inserts a new Part 1A into Schedule 1 of the 1992 Order. It provides permitted development rights for the installation of specified types of microgeneration equipment on or within the curtilage of dwellinghouses or flats, subject to certain criteria. These types of microgeneration equipment include: solar thermal and photovoltaic panels; flues for biomass systems; ground source heat pumps; water source heat pumps and flues for combined heat and power devices.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in relation to this Order and can be obtained free of charge from the Scottish Government Planning Directorate, Area 2H, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.