



Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 8

[^{F1} PART 2

DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Strategic development planning

[^{F1}]~~[^{F2}4Z~~Regional spatial strategies

- (1) A planning authority, or two or more such authorities acting jointly, are to prepare and adopt a regional spatial strategy.
- (2) A regional spatial strategy is a long-term spatial strategy in respect of the strategic development of an area (or areas) which must, in particular—
 - (a) specify the area (or areas) of the planning authority (or authorities) to which it relates (“the region”), and
 - (b) identify, in relation to the region—
 - (i) the need for strategic development,
 - (ii) the outcomes to which the authority (or authorities) consider that strategic development will contribute,
 - (iii) priorities for the delivery of strategic development, and
 - (iv) proposed locations for strategic development, which must be shown in the strategy in the form of a map or diagram.
- (3) Before adopting a regional spatial strategy, a planning authority (or authorities) must—
 - (a) publish, by such means as they consider appropriate—
 - (i) a draft of the strategy,
 - (ii) a summary of the information taken into account in preparing the draft of the strategy, and

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- (iii) a statement inviting representations in relation to the strategy by a date specified in the statement,
 - (b) as soon as practicable after publishing the documents mentioned in paragraph (a), send a copy of them to—
 - (i) the planning authority (other than one involved in producing the report) for any area in which future development is likely to be significantly impacted by the strategic development to which the strategy is to relate,
 - (ii) the key agencies, and
 - (iii) any other person the planning authority (or authorities) producing the strategy consider appropriate, and
 - (c) otherwise, consult such persons as they consider are likely to have an interest in the strategy.
- (4) As soon as practicable after a strategy under subsection (1) is adopted, the planning authority (or authorities) must—
- (a) publish the strategy by such means as they consider appropriate, and
 - (b) submit it to the Scottish Ministers.
- (5) In this section, “strategic development” means development that is likely to have a significant impact on future development within the area of more than one planning authority.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 2 substituted (19.5.2008 for specified purposes, 25.6.2008 for specified purposes, 28.2.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 2, 59(2)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.S.I. 2008/165](#), arts. 1, 2 and [S.S.I. 2008/427](#), arts. 1(1), **2-5**); [S.S.I. 2008/164](#), art. 2(1)(2), **sch.**; [S.S.I. 2009/70](#), art. 2, **sch.**
- F2** Ss. 4ZA-4ZE inserted (8.11.2019 for specified purposes) by [Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 13\)](#), **ss. 5(2), 63(2)**; [S.S.I. 2019/314](#), reg. 2, **sch.**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied by [S.S.I. 2008/189 art. 53\(3\)](#)
- Act power to apply (with or without modifications) conferred by [2021 asp 9 s. 45\(3\)\(b\)\(c\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 11A inserted by [2006 asp 17 s. 29](#)
- Pt. 12A inserted by [2006 asp 17 s. 30](#)
- Pt. 12A inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 3CD inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 20AA(4)(a)(iii) inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 14\(6\)](#)
- s. 29(1)(ca) inserted by [2019 asp 13 Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 36(1)(ca) inserted by [2019 asp 13 Sch. 2 para. 5\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 36(5)(6) inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 36\(2\)](#)
- s. 40A inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 19\(2\)](#)
- s. 43A-43AD substituted for s. 43A by [2019 asp 13 s. 28\(2\)](#)
- s. 47(2)(aa) inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 28\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 47(2A) inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 28\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 47(6) inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 31\(2\)\(c\)](#)
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- s. 57(2C)(2D) inserted by [2021 asp 9 s. 44\(2\)](#)
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- s. 61(1)(ba) inserted by [2019 asp 13 Sch. 2 para. 5\(6\)\(b\)](#)
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- s. 75A(5A) inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 35\(3\)](#)
- s. 77A inserted by [2019 asp 13 s. 39\(2\)](#)
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- s. 238(3)(a)-(c) inserted by [2019 asp 13 Sch. 2 para. 5\(9\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 238(5)(ba) inserted by [2019 asp 13 Sch. 2 para. 5\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 238(7) inserted by [2019 asp 13 Sch. 2 para. 5\(9\)\(c\)](#)