Dear Jean

**Post-legislative scrutiny of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006**

Earlier in the year the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee sought views from the public on which Acts would benefit from post-legislative scrutiny.

From the 24 Acts suggested the Committee agreed a shortlist of those it wished to take forward in the first instance. For the above Act the Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government asking if it the issue could be considered during the scrutiny of the current planning bill.

I would be grateful if you could provide a reply by **Friday 9 March 2018**.

A copy of the information provided in the submission can be found in the Annexe.

A link to our post-legislative scrutiny page can be found here:


Yours sincerely,

**Alison Wilson**  
**Assistant Clerk**
While planning permission is required to change the use of a pub, it is possible for developers to demolish freestanding pubs without planning permission provided the pub in question is outside a conservation area and not listed as a heritage site. The planning rules need to be strengthened so that planning permission is always required before a pub can be demolished. As of July, in England all pubs are protected in planning law and will be subject to a planning application before a pub can be demolished or converted. The same system is now needed in Scotland to ensure pubs can remain at the heart of communities. We would therefore like to see the Planning (Scotland) Act 2006 reviewed to include the removal of permitted development rights for all pubs.