Planning (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3

After section 23

John Finnie

169 After section 23, insert—

<Enforcement charters: statement on major developments

(1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
(2) In section 158A (enforcement charters), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The charter is also to contain a statement in relation to the planning authority’s monitoring of compliance with planning permissions which have been granted in respect of major developments (as described in regulations made under section 26A(2)), which must set out—

(a) how the authority monitor compliance with such planning permissions,
(b) how the authority record—

(i) the monitoring activities undertaken, and
(ii) the findings of those monitoring activities, and
(c) how the authority make such records available to the public.”.>

Section 26C

Alexander Stewart

170 In section 26C, page 67, line 25, at end insert—

<(2A) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance to planning authorities concerning the role of an authority’s chief planning officer.>

After section 26E

Andy Wightman

171 After section 26E, insert—

<Forestry and woodland strategy

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(1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
(2) Before section 159 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees) insert—

“A159 Forestry and woodland strategy

(1) A planning authority are to prepare a forestry and woodland strategy.
(2) A forestry and woodland strategy is to—
(a) identify woodlands in the planning authority’s area of high nature conservation value, and

(b) set out the planning authority’s policies and proposals in their area, as to—

(i) the development of forestry and woodland,

(ii) the protection and enhancement of woodlands, in particular those mentioned in paragraph (a),

(iii) the resilience to climate change of woodlands, in particular those mentioned in paragraph (a),

(iv) the expansion of woodlands of a range of types to provide multiple benefits to the physical, cultural, economic, social and environmental characteristics of the area,

(c) any other matter which the planning authority consider appropriate.

(3) The planning authority must publish the strategy by such means as they consider appropriate.

(4) In this section, “publish” includes, without prejudice to that expression’s generality, publish by electronic means (as for example by means of the internet).

Schedule 1

Alexander Stewart

172 In schedule 1, page 73, line 7, at end insert—

Payment

The infrastructure-levy regulations must specify that payments in respect of a planning obligation under section 75 for a particular development cannot be required where payment is already due in respect of that development in terms of the infrastructure levy.