Local Government and Communities Committee

Planning (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Lindsay Forsyth

Music is at the heart of Scottish culture and our venues are currently under threat due to the current Planning Policy. I am calling for the Scottish Government to follow the lead of the UK Government and implement the Agent of Change into Scottish Planning Policy to protect Scotland’s much loved and needed music venues. Surely it would be more cost efficient for site developers to have responsibility over any impacts upon current venues surrounding the site. Music venues are much needed, especially in Scotland where music takes such a grasp of the country.