Local Government and Communities Committee

Planning (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Linda Ure

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.

I go to many concerts in Glasgow over the year, last year over 50 in total and so far this year have tickets for 20 plus, Glasgow is great for music and they bring people from all over the world, we have met for example last year, people from Japan, Indonesia, Germany and many more countries coming to Glasgow to see a band, they are then giving Glasgow business by booking hotel rooms and touring our City.

We cannot lose our venues because of our Planning Policy of rather than telling new build to soundproof rooms etc because of a venue close by but we expect our venues to soundproof their places or just close early which could mean that our venues close as they do not have the money to do.

Please change our policy to support our existing businesses.