Local Government and Communities Committee

Planning (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Elizabeth Noon

I request consideration of the following points by the committee:

1. Extension of the time period for comment on plans at planning department consultation stage.

2. Communities/individuals should be given equal rights of appeal to those of developers.

3. Councillors appointed to planning committees to be given appropriate training.

4. Community councils to be involved in the decision making process.

5. Should a planning proposal proceed to Reporter stage, there should be equal opportunity for objectors to make further submission.

6. Individuals and communities have neither the funding nor access to experts available to developers. Should developers be required to make a financial contribution towards this or could funds be allocated by Scottish Government/local authority in an effort to move towards a fairer system for all?

Yours faithfully

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