Local Government and Communities Committee

Planning (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Helen DiMascio

I wish the following to be taken into account by the committee discussing the Planning Bill.

1. I believe that there should be equal rights of appeal in planning decisions for individuals/ communities to give them equality with developers.

2. Areas protected by the Local Development Plan should be protected in law.

3. Councillors involved in voting on plans should be given appropriate training.

4. A Court of Planning Appeal should be set up to make the final decision.

5. Planning adverts should be more widely available and the public should be given a longer time to comment.

6. Proper consultation with the local community is essential.

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