Local Government and Communities Committee

Planning (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Scone North Study Group

We ask that the committee introduce a section to the Bill that gives communities a right to appeal decisions.

We request that we would want our community group and community council to be able to challenge decisions that are made on major/large applications.

Communities need to be able to appeal decisions, not just be consulted.

Communities need rights in order to achieve the Bill's policy objectives of "significantly strengthening LDPs and giving them a greater focus on place and delivery" and to "significantly enhance engagement in development planning, effectively empowering communities to play a proactive role in defining the future of their place."

We ask what is the point of you being involved in developing a local place plan or taking part in a development plan if you can't challenge decisions made that might be contrary to those plans? That is not empowering, that is deeply frustrating!