

# EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

## PEOPLE, PLANNING AND PLACES

A consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system

### DRAFT Comments in response to the Consultation

1. This draft uses the very detailed and valuable comments made by Jim Henry and Archie Clark, in some cases taking a slightly different view. The approach is to try to answer the questions rather than make a detailed commentary on the whole document. This has risks because the question may be framed to lead to a pre-determined outcome and so the response may be inadequate or skewed, unless it is suitably expanded as thought necessary. Also not all the points made in the document lead to a question.
2. There may be a benefit in this approach however in that in the analysis of the answers to the questions, the points made may perhaps be more directly and easily taken into account by those collating the responses, rather than having to allocate a textual comment to a question.
3. The choice is left open and using both approaches may be the best way of getting all our views across.
4. The attached draft response is not the final version which needs further work, but it is better to issue it now so as to try to get input from as many as possible to improve the final version.
5. Where there is no answer given to a question, this means at present either "no view" or a hope that someone will offer a suitable response. Comments and changes welcome on all draft answers (preferably in a different font or colour) in the hope that if acceptable this could be an EACC response to the consultation document once finally amended. EACC Members can of course also submit their own response and are encouraged to do so.
6. These are just tentative suggestions.

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