

How to respond

This Draft Planning Circular is out for public consultation until 13 November 2013. It is available electronically on the Scottish Government's website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current> and in hard copy from:

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Comments on the paper are invited from the public and all interested stakeholder organisations. Responses in writing should be sent to the above address or emailed to marineplanning@scotland.gsi.gov.uk by 13 November 2013.

Handling your response

We need to know how you wish your response to be handled and whether you are happy for your response to be made public. Please complete and return the Respondent Information Form included with this consultation paper as this will ensure that we treat your response appropriately. If you ask for your response not to be published we will regard it as confidential, and we will treat it accordingly.

All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

Publishing responses

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public, these will be made available to the public in the Scottish Government Library and on the SEConsult web pages within 6 weeks of the close of the consultation time period.

Where agreement has been given, we will check all responses for any potentially defamatory material before logging them in the library or placing on the website. You can make arrangements to view responses by contacting the Scottish Government Library on 0131 244 4556. Responses can be copied and sent to you, but a charge may be made for this service.

If you have any comments about how this consultation has been conducted, please send them to us at the address above.

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The relationship between the statutory land use planning system and marine planning and licensing.



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

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Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

No

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Please identify the main area of interest you identify with:

- Local Authority / Planning Authority
- Nature Conservation
- Fisheries
- Industry/Transport
- Energy
- Aquaculture
- Recreation/tourism *
- Academic/scientific
- Community group
- Public sector/Regulatory body
- Local Coastal Partnership

Other (Please state)

Comments



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Submission from the Scottish Sports Association

The Scottish Sports Association (SSA) thanks the Scottish Government for the opportunity to respond to this draft circular. Should any queries result from our response, or if further engagement with the SSA or our members would be beneficial as this process develops, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The SSA is the independent and collective voice for Scottish Governing Bodies of sport. We represent their interests and currently have 52 full members and 21 associate members. The governing bodies of sport are responsible for the governance, development and delivery of their individual sports and provide a formal structure for the over 900,000 individuals in Scotland who are members of one of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs. Most of these organisations are run on a not-for-profit basis and are managed by volunteers. They provide coaching, competition and youth participation development opportunities for their local communities and most of the 195,000 people who volunteer in sport do so within the club structure.

The SSA has compiled this response following consultation, as usual, with our member Scottish Governing Bodies (SGBs). The SSA has compiled this response following consultation with our Outdoor Pursuits Group, which contains representatives from 20 of our member Scottish Governing Bodies (SGBs) involved in outdoor and adventurous activities.

1. Is the Draft Circular on the relationship between the land use and marine planning systems helpful?

Our members support the Scottish Government's plans for a more integrated approach to marine and terrestrial planning.

The following points should be considered:

Our members agree that integration can improve efficiencies and result in increased stakeholder and community engagement. However, as suggested by RYA Scotland, it is important that each side has a thorough understanding of key terminologies both from the marine and terrestrial planning environments e.g. for terrestrial planners – terms like Mean High Water Springs and other tidal terms. In order for each side to effectively consider the impact on the other and work alongside one another in planning we endorse RYA Scotland's comment that a thorough terminology and definitions appendix or glossary should be created, with full consultation from the relevant bodies on what should be included. On the same note, a summary of the key areas in which marine and terrestrial planning differ

would be a welcome inclusion in educating those involved in the integration process.

As discussed previously in the SSA National Marine Plan (NMP) response, our members would again discourage use of the terms 'local', 'coastal' or any other terms which tend to narrow the scope of those that could be affected by various planning measures – 'communities of interest' is our preferred term which more appropriately encompasses the wide range of people taking part in recreation in Scotland's marine areas and along its coastline and shores.

Q2. Does the Draft National Marine Plan appropriately set out the requirement for integration between marine planning and land use planning systems?

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Q3. Do you agree with the suggestions for good practice in paragraphs 30-39, and do you have any other suggestions?

Our members support the good practice suggestions laid out in paragraphs 30-39 – all planning should take place with consideration to the likely impact on others and so having this noted in the draft planning circular is welcomed. It is a good opportunity too for different sectors to plan for shared multi-use facilities which will have a wider reach in terms of user benefits.

As noted in the Draft, both planning systems will evolve over time – the SSA would urge that bodies from each system are actively involved in changes as they happen and that a full consultation process is put in place.