

We welcome the National Planning Framework and the call for ideas.

The Royal Burgh of Burntisland and Kinghorn an important improvement, would be for Community Councils planning submissions to carry more weight and addition be Planning Statutory Consultees. Currently Community Council's only count as 1 item of support or rejection although great care is taken to represent the views of the community

The local community of Kinghorn look upon the Community Council to support their views and wishes and this does seem a fundamental breakdown of democracy. Giving Community Councils more say in local development will gain greater buy in and support, together with identifying potential obstacles at an early stage.

Another important improvement we feel is computer modelling of the effect on additional developments of 50 + dwellings to understand the impact on the existing infrastructure within the community before planning permission is granted. This would enable the developers and builders to be accountable for additional infrastructure costs rather than the burden falling belatedly on hard stretched local authorities.

The other consideration we would like to see, particularly with climate change, is that priority is given to developing Brownfield sites, not land susceptible to flooding or able to support environmentally essential activities such as crops or trees to reduce the carbon footprints and emissions.