

Sent from my iPhone

Hi wanted to send some sincere comment about NPF4.

The views below are entirely my own.

What development will we need to address climate change?

More energy efficient homes?

Less development on flood plains.

More green space, especially trees. (eg. Compulsory trees on housing developments and the banning of tree removal. (including the “accidental” knocking down of trees)

Compulsory inclusion of electric vehicle charging points for every new home and incremental charging points for commercial industrial developments)

How can Planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future?

Homes need more indoor **AND** outdoor footprint.

There needs to be more space between dwellings.

Urgent need of more bungalows for an aging population.

Better public transport, faster broadband and more jobs will encourage people to move to the countryside.

What does planning need to do to enable development & investment in our economy to benefit everyone?

Faster, consistent broadband for home working

Controversially – people need to understand that the countryside is an industrial area. Farming will need to fundamentally change to tackle climate change; If that means more polytunnels and exotic species, so be it.

Industrial developments need better protection from encroaching housing. The explicit need for protection of industrial developments needs to go back into NPF4; we can't keep building houses right up to industry.

We will need more heavy duty industrial scale batteries.

Planning should stop trying to stimulate and distribute growth, it's expensive and hasn't worked often enough. Too often leading to unusable industrial estates or worse, unused factories.

How can planning improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places?

There needs to be much more protection of green and blue spaces

Why does all vacant and derelict land have to be built on; why can't they just be public space?

Like agriculture, town centres need to drastically change to service. Planners need to stop wasting money trying to keep them as they are instead of re-zoning them.

Councils need stronger CPO powers to redevelop areas for the public good, not for the profits of developers.

The concept of the green belt is antiquated. We're losing far too much green space in urban areas to protect farm land that many people can't get to.

What infrastructure do we need to plan and build to realise our long term aspirations?

We need wider streets to incorporate public transport and possibly trams. The concept of “Street scene” seems insane to me. Why would we want to make streets narrower?

We will need more space for public transport stops and infrastructure.

Far more electric charging points are required.

A complete overhaul of our energy infrastructure is required.

Do something with the Forth Road Bridge. Two of the bridges are now an embarrassment, and the rail bridge may need some supplementary capacity.

Finally I genuinely believe something needs to be done about corruption in Planning or many of the aspirations will not be realised. From a professional viewpoint there is far too much dishonesty in development. Too many consultant’s reports are riddles with lies and poor science. Developers are making a lot of money out of unsustainable developments which store up problems for the future and add to the workload of LA officers.

I believe Planning has an invaluable role to play in making Scotland the best place to live in the world (if it isn’t already), but it’s far too important to be left to the Planners.

Happy to clarify any points or answer any questions