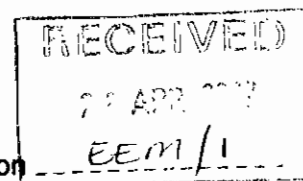


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Dear Sirs,

Energy Efficiency and Microgeneration- Draft for Consultation, March 2007

I attach my Respondent Information Form and comments on the draft above.

For your information these comments have also been copied to the Public Petitions Committee who are in process of considering my Petition 969 on Microgeneration.

Thank you for your assistance previously given, in particular that from Sarah Hart who pointed me in the right direction to obtain the website draft.

Yours sincerely


Alan Kennedy

Comments on Draft Paper on Microgeneration Strategy for Scotland

Ref:- ISBN 978 0 7559 1493 7 (Web only publication) of 12 March 2007)

Overall the draft paper commendably sets out the scale of the problems and challenges facing Scotland on Microgeneration. I have no reason to quibble with the facts gathered or the conclusions in general. I welcome the comprehensive nature of the data recorded, which forms a good base for positive action in many areas over the years ahead. My main concern having studied the report is in the execution of achieving the aims set out therein.

The Executive Summary refers to a one-stop approach for advice and support for householders. If achieved this is excellent but why limit it to householders? It is Scotland as a whole that needs a one-stop approach. This can only be achieved if all involved are coordinated to follow clear lines of action. I believe that a key problem in making progress to date has been the sheer scale of the confusion in legislation as well as often opposing interests involved in consideration and approval of Microgeneration

In the report I reckoned there to be at least 54 different organisations which include local authorities, executive departments, independent bodies and so forth, all with an interest in the subject matter. To me there is little sign of anything in the report that will bring all the interests of these parties together. Without a clear redefinition of Executive responsibility and Executive control a one stop approach will NOT be achievable. Too many cooks are already spoiling the broth. Someone, and the example of Lord Beaverbrook in WW2 springs to mind, has to be in charge with real statutory powers if progress at the rate Scotland requires is to be achieved! This too important a task simply to be left to the usual 'Minister in Charge' routine. Desirably this Strategy should be adopted as a truly cross party policy. I see no sign so far of the emergence of such a guiding and governing body as I describe but I believe it to be essential to success for this to happen.

In my Public Petition, 939, still under consideration by the Petitions Committee, I have stated my concerns over the need to get the messages across on Microgeneration to every area of the public domain. I am still firmly of the view that much, much more needs to be done to achieve this but progress would be easier if the issue above on control and coordination was given top priority in the Strategy

Alan Kennedy, Petitioner re Public Petition 969
24 April 07