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STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION PAPER

Dear Ms Carey,

I am writing on behalf of the members of Culter Community Council (CCC) on this consultation paper.

In essence we found the Guidance to be clear, positive, wide-ranging but pertinent, containing much to recommend it, particularly, for example, **paras 11, 21, 27, 29, 36, 40, 44 and 48.**

There however are several suggestions we felt we had to make covering our concerns, comments and questions. They are as follows:

- **para 12 line 5** ...'that options are considered and measures taken' - instead of 'measures are considered'. Otherwise we feel that, as it stands, this sentence plus the next one, suggest that measures can be looked at but rejected if a case can be made on social and economic grounds (even if in the long term expensive remedial action might be required).
- **para 13** should have its own title (Sustainability Appraisal) and come after para 14.
- **para 22 1st sentence.** Could this not just read more simply as ... The National Planning Framework plans are key to 'implementing sustainable development' ?
- **para 27 line 3** insert 'early' arrangements for 'early' participation and engagement
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- **para 31 line 7** We do not consider 'can' a strong enough word. It should be replaced by 'needs to' or even 'shall' or 'must' as in ways in which planning 'needs to' contribute to
- **para 33** There should also be reference made to job provision, e.g. in line 3 proper integration of planning, 'economic development' and transport, is a key
- **para 35 bullet point 2 (page 9) line 6** should read planned development, 'including business/commercial development to provide jobs locally', and the scope
- **para 35 bullet point 6 (page 10) last sentence** Add "and 'local' retail provision"... at the end after 'health services'.
- **para 35 bullet point 10 (page 11)** we suggest that reference should also be made to land which could be at significant risk from land slip due to increasing severity and frequency of storms.

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(Q 2 ignore)

At Q 3 tick 'Yes'

At Q 4 tick 'Yes'

Yours sincerely,

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