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Dear Sir/Madam,

The following are the comments of Dundee Civic Trust for your consideration.

Energy.

It is noted that the Scottish Government does not support the construction of new nuclear power stations in Scotland (Para. 69) and aims to reduce emissions by 80% by 2050 through the development of a number of renewable sources such as wind, waves, tide and sun and clean coal technologies (paras. 125 – 136). Whilst this objective is supported, it depends upon the successful development of new technologies in the near future, and this is by no means certain. Thus, the Scottish Government should not totally discount the contribution from nuclear sources, which might prove essential in meeting some of our needs as at present. There should be caution in assessing the contribution from biomass since recent concerns have arisen that this could have the effect of causing food shortages worldwide unless it is sourced from currently unproductive land e.g. set aside land.

City Regions.

NPF2 rightly stresses the importance of the cities and their regions as key drivers of the economy and the need for strategic development plans (paras. 151 -154). The need for collaboration between Edinburgh and Glasgow as the principal centres of population, business and culture is accepted (para. 250), as is the suggestion that Dundee and Perth could develop their complementary roles (para. 267). However, these need to be mutually beneficial and based on development plan led initiatives and policies which have been fully explained to the public, as the new planning procedures aim to do. Where specific proposals are not in accordance with these plans, they need to be fully examined and justified in public, if necessary through the intervention of the Scottish Government. Unfortunately this was not the case in a recent instance at Erroll.

This is especially important around Dundee as its unduly tight administrative boundary leads to increased pressures to meet its needs elsewhere to the detriment of its regeneration strategies. Whilst it is appreciated that this is not directly related to the purpose of NPG2, nevertheless the Trust would suggest that there needs to be a reconsideration of the boundary given the planning and other issues arising from the present arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

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