

**TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANNING ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006**

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This is a summary of the programme of implementation for the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. Timing may change due to changes in policies or priorities and exact commencement dates will be phased to ensure a smooth roll-out of new functions. The timetable will be updated on the Scottish Government's Planning Homepage at [www.scotland.gov.uk/planning](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/planning). If you have any queries about the timetable, please contact the Planning Helpline on 08457 741741.

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Regulations and Orders etc.</b>	<b>Estimated date for consultation</b>	<b>Estimated date for commencement</b>
<b>National Planning Framework</b>	<i>Preparation of National Planning Framework</i>	<i>Part 1 commenced – 1 April 2007</i>	
<b>Development Planning</b>	<i>Consultation paper on orders to designate Strategic Development Planning Authorities (and statutory guidance on Strategic Development Planning Authorities)</i>	<i>July 2007</i>	<i>June 2008</i>
	<i>Consultation paper on draft regulations on development planning, including: - regulations on SDP content and scope to depart from LDP examinations* - regulations on DP content and preparation procedures - order on transitional arrangements for development planning</i>	<i>October 2007</i>	<i>January 2009</i>
	<i>Regulations on development plan examination procedures</i>	<i>December 2007</i>	<i>January 2009</i>
<b>Development Management</b>	<i>Extension of definition of 'development' to include marine fish farming</i>	<i>Part 3 (Section 3-4) commenced – 1 April 2007</i>	
	<i>Order and user guide on householder permitted development rights</i>	<i>May 2008</i>	<i>November 2008</i>
	<i>Order on micro-generation permitted development rights</i>	<i>March 2008</i>	<i>June 2008</i>
	<i>Order on changes to remainder of permitted development rights</i>	<i>March 2009</i>	<i>September 2009</i>
	<i>Consultation paper on draft regulations on changes to planning application procedures, including: public availability of information; pre-application consultation; validation procedures; planning permission in principle; neighbour notification; access &amp; design statements etc. (Revision of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure)(Scotland) Order 1992)</i>	<i>January 2008</i>	<i>January 2009</i>
	<i>Regulations on appeals procedures, including local review bodies, schemes of delegation and examination procedures.</i>	<i>February 2008</i>	<i>January 2009</i>
	<i>Regulations on the hierarchy of developments *</i>	<i>November 2007</i>	<i>January 2009</i>
<b>Enforcement</b>	<i>Regulations on Good Neighbour Agreements</i>	<i>April 2008</i>	<i>April 2009</i>
	<i>Consultation paper on draft regulations on enforcement powers, including: - regulations on the amount of fixed penalty fines * - regulations on site notices and notification of initiation and completion - regulations on temporary stop notices</i>	<i>October 2007</i>	<i>June 2008</i>
<b>Trees</b>	<i>Regulations on Tree Preservation Orders</i>	<i>June 2008</i>	<i>April 2009</i>
<b>Assessment</b>	<i>New performance assessment framework for planning</i>	<i>March 2007</i>	<i>April 2009</i>
<b>Financial provisions</b>	<i>Regulations on new fees for planning applications</i>	<i>June 2008</i>	<i>January 2009</i>
	<i>Powers to make grants for advice and assistance</i>	<i>Part 8 (Section 32) commenced – 1 April 2007</i>	
<b>Business Improvement Districts</b>	<i>Powers to create Business Improvement Districts</i>	<i>Part 9 (Section 33-49) commenced – 1 April 2007</i>	

(\* Regulations by affirmative procedure. Text in italics indicates steps that have been achieved.)