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Q22: In addition to those considered in the options, in what circumstances might statements consider only one element - design or access?

This is a very brief consultation response to plead that design statements, as envisaged by PAN68, are not subjected to the inclusion of 'access' issues.

The Government have to be commended for recent efforts to promote the cause of good design in Scotland through policy (eg Designing Places) guidance (eg PAN 68) and improving skills (Improvement Service and Quality in Planning Awards). Hopefully the creation of a dedicated Built Environment directorate will augment these efforts and we shall start to see good design coming through in the majority of new development, rather than the current situation where it is sadly lacking in many cases.

The inclusion of a disabled access element will, I believe, merely serve to dilute the benefits of design statements and what they are trying to achieve. Disabled access has no more or less to do with good design than, for example, environmental sustainability or financial feasibility and there is no reason therefore why it should be included as part of the toolkit to promote good design. I would strongly suggest that Building Standards legislation might be a more appropriate vehicle to secure better accessibility

In conclusion, I do not object to the Government providing additional guidance on how to better integrate disabled access considerations into the planning system. However, please do not compromise an existing part which works well and is only starting to bear fruit.

Responding as an individual
Agree to response being made public - no name or address

Regards

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