

## Development Management Consultation Paper

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The Glasgow Access Panel wishes to submit a response to the following questions (responses follow the relevant question).

**Q21:** Do you have a view on the two options on the range of applications to be accompanied by a design and/or access statement?

***The Glasgow Access Panel is in favour of option 1, that all applications except the range of applications in regulation 16(1) should be required to submit design and access statements***

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

***We can currently foresee no circumstances when only one element of the statement might be considered***

**Q23:** How can access panels be used most effectively in considering design and access?

***One way is through the inclusion of access panels in the list of statutory consultees as per Question 35. Secondly, provision should be made for the funding of the role of access panels in commenting on access statements. Each panel can form a subgroup (separate from that in Q23) to consider statements. Local authorities can prioritise the statements in terms of greatest public impact. There should be regular seminars run jointly by local authority development and planning staff and access panel members focussing on information provision and***

***awareness-raising to local authority staff. These seminars should be run at least annually, but more frequently for larger local authorities.***

**Q25:** What role can local authority access officers play in assessing the access element of statements?

***Access officers with specialist knowledge of disabled access (as opposed to 'outdoor access' officers for example) can play a key role we believe. They can link up with a subgroup from the local access panel specifically tasked with assessing the access element of statements***

**Q35:** Do respondents have any views on the list of statutory consultees and the criteria for consultation?

***Glasgow Access Panel would like to see local access panels on the list of statutory consultees.***