



Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

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PART 4

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- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 263A(2) (National Scenic Areas), the words “the desirability of” are repealed.
- (3) In section 263A (National Scenic Areas), after subsection (6)(a), insert—
 - “(aa) persons resident within, or adjacent to, the area of a proposed designation,
 - (ab) a community body (as defined by section 4(9) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015) with an interest in the area of a proposed designation,”.
- (4) After section 263A insert—

“263B National Scenic Areas: report on consultation

- (1) Where in any year the Scottish Ministers have designated a National Scenic Area under section 263A(1), they must, as soon as practicable after the end of that year, prepare and publish a report on the consultation undertaken in regard to the designation.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) the ways in which views expressed by any person consulted under subsection 263A(6)(aa) and (ab) were taken into account by the Scottish Ministers before issuing a direction under section 263A(1) or (5), and
 - (b) how the Scottish Ministers intend to improve their consultation process before issuing any future such directions.”.