



# Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

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### PART 4

#### OTHER MATTERS

##### *Forestry and woodland strategy*

#### **53 Forestry and woodland strategy**

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) Before section 159 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees) insert—

##### **“A159 Forestry and woodland strategy**

- (1) A planning authority are to prepare a forestry and woodland strategy.
- (2) A forestry and woodland strategy is to—
  - (a) identify woodlands of high nature conservation value in the planning authority’s area, and
  - (b) set out the planning authority’s policies and proposals in their area, as to—
    - (i) the development of forestry and woodlands,
    - (ii) the protection and enhancement of woodlands, in particular those mentioned in paragraph (a),
    - (iii) the resilience to climate change of woodlands, in particular those mentioned in paragraph (a),
    - (iv) the expansion of woodlands of a range of types to provide multiple benefits to the physical, cultural, economic, social and environmental characteristics of the area,
  - (c) any other matter which the planning authority consider appropriate.
- (3) In preparing a forestry and woodland strategy a planning authority are to consult—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers,

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- (b) such organisations appearing to them to represent those with an interest in the matters listed in subsection (2)(b), and
  - (c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The planning authority must publish the strategy by such means as they consider appropriate.
- (5) Two or more planning authorities may act jointly to prepare a forestry and woodland strategy.
- (6) Where two or more planning authorities act jointly to prepare a forestry and woodland strategy, a reference in this section to—
  - (a) a planning authority is to those authorities acting jointly,
  - (b) a planning authority’s area is a reference to the combined area of the authorities.
- (7) In this section, “publish” includes, without prejudice to that expression’s generality, publish by electronic means (as for example by means of the internet).”.