



Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

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PART 1

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Development planning

3 Open space strategy

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 3F insert—

“3G Open space strategy

- (1) A planning authority is to prepare and publish an open space strategy.
- (2) An open space strategy is to set out a strategic framework of the planning authority’s policies and proposals as to the development, maintenance and use of green infrastructure in their district, including open spaces and green networks.
- (3) An open space strategy must contain—
 - (a) an audit of existing open space provision,
 - (b) an assessment of current and future requirements,
 - (c) any other matter which the planning authority consider appropriate.
- (4) In this section—

“green infrastructure” means features of the natural and built environments that provide a range of ecosystem and social benefits,

“green networks” means connected areas of green infrastructure and open space,

“open space” means space within and on the edge of settlements comprising green infrastructure or civic areas such as squares, market places and other paved or hard landscaped areas with a civic function.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) make provision about how planning authorities are to discharge their functions under this section including, in particular—
 - (i) how they conduct an audit under subsection (3)(a), and
 - (ii) how they assess current and future requirements for the purposes of subsection (3)(b),
 - (b) amend subsection (4) by adding a definition or amending or omitting a definition for the time being specified there.
- (6) For the purposes of this section a national park authority is not a planning authority.”.