



Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

2019 asp 13

PART 1

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Development planning

1 Purpose of planning

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

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- (1) The purpose of planning is to manage the development and use of land in the long term public interest.
 - (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), anything which—
 - (a) contributes to sustainable development, or
 - (b) achieves the national outcomes (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015),is to be considered as being in the long term public interest.
 - (3) This section applies only to the Scottish Ministers' and planning authorities' exercise of functions under Parts 1A and 2.”.
- (3) Sections 3D and 3E are repealed.

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Commencement Information

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.S.I. 2019/377, reg. 9 by [S.S.I. 2019/411 reg. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.S.I. 2021/101, regs. 3, 4 by [S.S.I. 2021/291 reg. 2](#)