



Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021

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PART 2

HEAT NETWORK CONSENT

Miscellaneous

34 Effective community engagement: guidance

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may issue guidance about undertaking effective community engagement in relation to a relevant application for the purpose of preparing a community engagement report.
- (2) Guidance under subsection (1) may in particular include guidance on—
 - (a) persons, or persons of a particular description, to be considered as forming part of a community for the purpose of undertaking effective community engagement in relation to a relevant application,
 - (b) how applicants are to undertake effective community engagement before making a relevant application including ways in which applicants should—
 - (i) consult communities, and
 - (ii) encourage participation by communities in the consultation.
- (3) Before issuing guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must publish guidance issued under subsection (1) in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (5) A person whose relevant application must include a community engagement report in accordance with a determination under section 33(1)(b) must have regard to any guidance issued under subsection (1) in connection with the application.
- (6) In this section, “community engagement report” has the meaning given in section 33(3).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021, Section 34. (See end of Document for details)

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Commencement Information

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