



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—

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- (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.”.

Commencement Information

II S. 3 in force at 8.11.2019 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2019/314](#), **reg. 2**, **sch.**

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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](#)