

**PLANNING SERIES** 

## CIRCULAR 1/2006

The Chief Executive Local Authorities Our ref: POL/4526

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Dear Sir or Madam

# THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT DIRECTION 2006

#### NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### Introduction

1. This Circular amends requirements set out in The Scottish Office Development Department Circular No 4/1997 relating to the notification of planning applications. It incorporates, in the Annex, the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Direction 2006, which gives force to the amended requirements and is issued to coincide with the publication of Scottish Planning Policy 21: Green Belts.

#### **Green Belts**

2. Scottish Planning Policy 21: Green Belts announces new procedures relating to the control of development in green belts. As a result, planning authorities will now be required to notify the Scottish Ministers when they intend to approve an application for planning permission for development falling within an area of land designated as green belt, where the development is contrary to the development plan.

#### Effective Date

3. The Direction which gives statutory effect to these changes (The Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Direction 2006, is incorporated within, and shall have effect from the date of this Circular.

#### **Further Copies and Enquiries**

4. Enquiries about the content of this Circular should be addressed to Mr Ed Swanney (0131-244-7069) or Mr Andy Kinnaird (0131-244-7079). Further copies and a list of current planning circulars may be obtained from the Scottish Executive Development Department, Planning Division, Area 2-H, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ (0131-244-7543).

Yours faithfully

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### ANNEX

# THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT DIRECTION 2006

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Articles 17, 19 and 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure)(Scotland) Order  $1992^{(a)}$  and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby give the following Direction:

1. The Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications)(Scotland) Direction 1997 shall be amended as follows:-

1.1 After paragraph 19 insert:-

#### 'Development in Green Belts'

**20.** Development falling within an area of land designated as green belt, where the development is contrary to the development plan.

2. This Direction may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Direction 2006.

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