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**NEW SPP MUST DELIVER IF HOUSING TARGETS TO BE ACHIEVED**

Homes for Scotland, the organisation representing the country's home building industry, has submitted its response on the consultation draft Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 3: Planning for Housing.

Director of Planning Allan Lundmark said:

“The revised SPP contains many positives for the industry. In addition to reflecting many of our long-held concerns over land supply and delays in the delivery of new housing, it also recognises the clear link between development and sustainable economic growth.

But, the SPP, together with related changes in the planning system, must ensure a number of key outcomes if the Scottish Government is to meet its objective of dramatically increasing housing supply by the middle of the next decade.”

The priority issues identified by Homes for Scotland include the need for:

- a comprehensive and consistent approach to assessing housing needs and demand.
- much fuller involvement of the development industry in plan making to balance social and environmental issues with market perspective.
- housing land allocations which far exceed projected demand in order that the market can operate effectively, respond to changes and generate investment in enabling infrastructure.

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- mechanisms to bring forward land in the interim period between the current and proposed new planning systems. (There will not be full coverage of new-style development plans until the middle of the next decade. Many current plans are outdated and allocate insufficient land therefore Planning Authorities will have to be instructed to bring forward additional land, and grant planning consents, in order to maintain supply.)

Lundmark concluded:

“If the Government agenda for delivering more housing of all types – market and affordable – is to be a reality then the new planning system has to focus on positive actions. A culture of development promotion must replace the current mind-set of control and regulation.”

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**Notes to the Editor:**

1. Homes for Scotland's full submission is available to download at [www.homesforscotland.com](http://www.homesforscotland.com).
2. Homes for Scotland represents the country's home building industry which:
  - is the largest source of private investment in Scotland
  - contributes £5bn to the economy annually
  - builds 20,000 new homes per annum
  - employs 100,000 people
  - is the largest user of the planning system in Scotland