

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS: HOW TO RESPOND

Responding

We are inviting responses to this consultation paper by **25 October 2010**. Please send your response and completed Respondent Information Form (RIF) to **speakup@scotland.gsi.gov.uk** using the Acrobat PDF format of the questionnaire and RIF which can be downloaded from **www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations/current**

or write to us at:

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Handling your response

We need to know how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for your response to be made public. Please complete and return the attached Respondent Information Form as this will ensure that we treat your response appropriately. If you ask for your response not to be published we will regard it as confidential, and we will treat it accordingly.

All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

Publishing responses

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public and after we have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, responses will be made available to the public within 6 weeks of the close of the consultation, on the Scottish Government consultation web pages **www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations/current** and in the Scottish Government Library. You can make arrangements to view responses by contacting the SG Library on 0131 244 4552. Responses can be copied and sent to you, but a charge may be made for this service.

What happens next?

Following the closing date, all responses will be analysed and considered along with any other available evidence. We aim to publish an Analysis Report on the consultative response in December 2010.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note: This form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately.

(Please complete in **BLACK** ink and in **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

1. Name/Organisation

Title

Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Dr ☐ Please tick as appropriate

Surname

Forename

2. Postal Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

3. Permissions

I am responding as...

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Individual

Please tick as appropriate

Group/Organisation

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- (a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government website)? Please tick as appropriate

☐ Yes ☐ No

- (b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your response available to the public on the following basis

Please tick **ONE** of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available ☐ or
Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address ☐ or
Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address ☐

- (c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government website).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate

☐ Yes ☐ No

- (d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate ☐ Yes ☐ No

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QUESTIONS

“Speak Up for Rural Scotland” sets out the Rural Development Council’s views on how rural Scotland can prosper and contribute to the nation’s sustainable economic growth. The following questions are intended to identify from the range of Step Changes suggested by the Council, which of them you support; which ones you would give priority to; and where you think gaps are. We are happy to hear from you in any format, so please do not feel limited by the space available in this Questionnaire. In the web version the response boxes will expand to accommodate additional text. Your time in completing the Questionnaire is very much appreciated. Your opinion will help us shape future policy directions.

1. Does the Council’s advice as set out in the section “Step Changes for Rural Scotland”, cover all of the main issues relevant to economic growth in rural Scotland?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, why not?

2. Which of the Council’s Step Changes would you rank as the most important and why? Please select no more than ten.

3. Do you have any further Step Changes that you would like to propose?

Yes

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No

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If you do, what are they?

4. Do you have any suggestions on how the Step Changes could be implemented?

5. Having read "Speak Up for Rural Scotland", what more do you feel you could do in your local area to support the local economy and/or your community?

6. Please provide any other comments that you would like to make about any aspect of "Speak Up for Rural Scotland".