

# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

## Call for evidence

## Scottish Parliament – Local Government and Communities Committee

## Building Regulations in Scotland

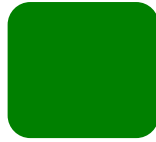
### About Us

Scottish Disability Equality Forum (SDEF) is a member-led organisation, representing individuals with any type of impairment, disability organisations, groups and individuals who share our values. We work to ensure the voice of disabled people is heard and acted upon. SDEF is involved in a wide range of work on a local and national level. We work to bring real change to the lives of disabled people, to inspire and to motivate others to be inclusive and informed in their attitudes towards disabled people and to bring the message of equality to all.

Our aim is to ensure that our members and wider public are as informed as possible about the issues affecting disabled people in Scotland. SDEF has launched a series of online 'hubs' which include information and advice on Inclusive Communication, Inclusive Design and Accessible Travel.

SDEF actively engages with its members so that we understand what the key issues are for disabled people in Scotland and hold events to give advice on disability and access related issues.

SDEF is also the umbrella body for the national network of Access Panels in Scotland. Access Panels can be found in all regions and are made up



of groups of disabled volunteers who work together to improve physical access and wider social inclusion in their local communities. We offer support and training opportunities to help them operate efficiently, link together as a network and learn from each other.

We work to the principles of positivity, promotion, and partnership, working collaboratively with partners to promote best practice, and achieve awareness of disability equality across Scotland.

## How to tell us what you think

To respond to this consultation, you can do the following:

- Answer the questions in this document and email to [maureen.bennison@sdef.org.uk](mailto:maureen.bennison@sdef.org.uk)
- or post to:

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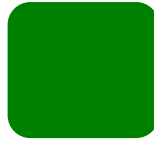
- Go to our online survey – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/269KDYH>

**Your response to SDEF will be collated with other SDEF member responses and submitted on behalf of SDEF.**

Go directly to the consultation website where alternative formats are available –

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/103440.aspx>

Please return your response to Scottish Disability Equality Forum no later than **Wednesday 22 February 2017**.



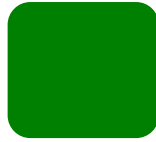
## About this call for evidence

The Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee has launched a call for written evidence as part of its scrutiny of building regulations in Scotland and the Committee want to hear your thoughts and experiences of these regulations.

The Committee are particularly interested in your thoughts on the verification scheme and building warrant fees.

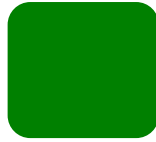
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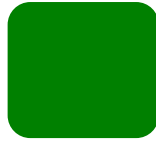
## Question 1

**Should verification of building standards be extended to organisations other than local authorities?**



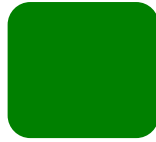
## Question 2

**Should procedural regulations specify a minimum requirement for the inspection of ongoing building works, to ensure compliance with building standards?**



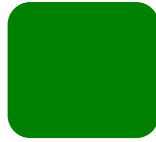
### Question 3

**Should there be a statutory system to provide redress for new home buyers whose properties are subsequently found not to meet building standards requirements?**



#### Question 4

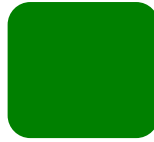
**Are the current building warrant and associated fees set at the correct level?**



## Question 5

**Are there any other issues relating to the regulations which you wish to bring to the attention of the Committee?**





## **What next?**

**SDEF will collect all the answers from all of our members and write a report. SDEF will give the report to the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee. SDEF will make sure our members voices are heard.**

**Please give SDEF your answers before Wednesday 22 February 2017.**