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Subject: Update on Permitted Development Rights - Phase 3 Consultation

To:

Thank you again for your response last summer to the consultation on Phase 3 of the permitted development rights (PDR) review.

I now inform you that the statutory instrument - [The Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#) - was laid in the Scottish Parliament today which contains measures of the new and extended PDR. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the changes are expected to come into effect on Friday 24 May 2024.

The changes introduced by the Order are intended to help support:

- deployment of domestic and non-domestic renewables equipment, such as solar panels, wind turbines and heat pumps.
- alteration/replacement of windows to improve energy efficiency.
- roll-out of electricity network infrastructure.

The consultation sought views on the principle of excluding temporary target shooting ranges from the scope of the 28-day rule. The feedback indicated that excluding temporary shooting ranges from the 28 day rule on a blanket basis could have the unintended consequence of bringing a variety of routine, small-scale works into the scope of the planning application process. It was not considered proportionate to take forward any measures, especially given that shooting is subject to separate licensing requirements – and taking account of other temporary activities that can take place under the 28 day rule or which do not constitute development (for planning purposes). Although the matter will be kept under review, it was decided not to amend the 28 day rule as regards shooting ranges at this time.

I trust this is helpful

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