HEADS OF PLANNING SCOTLAND

Following the publication of the report on the above inquiry, on behalf of Heads of Planning Scotland, I wish to respond to paragraph 14 which suggests the joint publication of information on cumulative figures to demonstrate progress towards the Government’s electricity, heat and transport targets.

Heads of Planning Scotland is pleased to assist in this request insofar as it is able. With regard to Renewable Electricity, can I suggest that in cooperation with Scottish Government officials, it may be appropriate to prepare a pro forma as a first step, as I am conscious that there is no standardised means of reporting this information and a consistent means of displaying this information graphically would also be useful.

I’d suggest that a meeting in early course with your officials and representatives of Councils would be of benefit to agree the extent of the information that is sought. This could refer to but not be limited to operational development, development under construction, the extent of development that is consented but not commenced and development that is subject to planning applications. Section 36 consultations, appeals and inquiries could also be considered. HoPS would suggest that a quarterly submission of this information is appropriate.