

# Proposed Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill

## Introduction

A proposal for a Bill to introduce new minimum environmental design standards for all new-build housing to meet the Passivhaus standard or a Scottish equivalent in order to improve energy efficiency and thermal performance.

The consultation runs from 4 May 2022 to 27 July 2022

All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document.

Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) require an answer.

All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response.

Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded.

Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available [here](#):

[Consultation Document](#)

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I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice which explains how my personal data will be used.

## About you

Please choose whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation.

Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation's name.

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

**Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation**

I am a 14 year old individual who has experience in Young Scots COP26s co design group, led as a Local Champion for the Aberdeen group, been recently elected as the youngest ever MSYP, achieved my Carbon Literacy certificate award and am a climate representative to young people through the above opportunity's I am part of.

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your Full Name or the name of your organisation. (Only give the name of your organisation if you are submitting a response on its behalf).

(Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number.

We will not publish these details.

**Aim and approach - Note: All answers to the questions in this section may be published (unless your response is "not for publication").**

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill? Please note that this question is compulsory.

Fully supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

I believe strongly in this bill for multiple reasons. As young people we see daily the impacts and issues surrounding climate change, therefore affecting our futures and making us feel powerless against our climate emissions. With this bill put in place it would give young people the guarantee and satisfaction that all new property and housing is meeting or even better exceeding energy housing standards and reducing climate anxiety within young people. Furthermore, with the cost of living soaring, energy prices are higher than ever. If a house is poorly insulated, this negatively impacts a family's financial situation and increases

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the impacts and inequalities of poverty due to money going into more heating. With this bill put in place, energy spending becomes reduced, therefore helping family's save and giving them the opportunity to invest their money into other essentials such as healthy food and quality clothing. Lastly, with this bill in place it would reduce Scotland's emissions as a whole and would guarantee that Scotland is the leading country combating climate change, empowering young climate advocates such as myself to continue fighting for change and secure a net zero future for generations to enjoy.

Q2. Do you think legislation is required, or are there other ways in which the proposed Bill's aims could be achieved more effectively? Please explain the reasons for your response.

I believe legislation is required because it would make it law to meet energy standards and give property developers no choice but to follow the legislation put in place.

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view on setting the Passivhaus standard or a Scottish equivalent as the most appropriate new build housing standards to contribute to eradicating fuel poverty?

Unsure

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view on setting the Passivhaus standard or a Scottish equivalent as the most appropriate new build housing standards to contribute to a reduction in emissions?

Unsure

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of the process set out to ensure that the new standards are met in all new build housing? (see pages 14 to 16 in the consultation document)

Fully supportive

Q6. What could be the market effects of the introduction of this proposal?

Have sustainable job opportunity's and ensure the energy generated is sustainable therefore making Scotland the leading climate job occupation country in the world and become an exporter rather than imported of sustainable energy.

## Financial Implications

Q7. Any new law can have a financial impact which would affect individuals, businesses, the public sector, or others. What financial impact do you think this proposal could have if it became law?

a significant reduction in costs

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**Please explain the reasons for your answer, including whom you would expect to feel the financial impact of the proposal, and if there are any ways you think the proposal could be delivered more cost-effectively.**

With the cost of living soaring, energy prices are higher than ever. If a house is poorly insulated, this negatively impacts a family's financial situation and increases the impacts and inequalities of poverty due to money going into more heating. With this bill put in place, energy spending becomes reduced, therefore helping family's save and giving them the opportunity to invest their money into other essentials such as healthy food and quality clothing. To ensure we are cost minimum we become a large user and generator of climate energy which brings down cost, offers new jobs to people and makes us less reliable on country's as seen in the Russia/Ukraine conflict

## Equalities

Q8. Any new law can have an impact on different individuals in society, for example as a result of their age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

What impact could this proposal have on particular people if it became law? If you do not have a view skip to next question.

Please explain the reasons for your answer and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts on particular people.

I believe it would increase the housing market within young people because they know they are making a difference to the Earth and the economy.

## Sustainability

Q9. Any new law can impact on work to protect and enhance the environment, achieve a sustainable economy, and create a strong, healthy, and just society for future generations.

Do you think the proposal could impact in any of these areas? If you do not have a view then skip to next question

Please explain the reasons for your answer, including what you think the impact of the proposal could be, and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts?

100% the impact environmentally is going to make a significant difference nationally towards a positive future.

## General

Q10. Do you have any other additional comments or suggestions on the proposed Bill (which have not already been covered in any of your responses to earlier questions)?

None