

## SUBMISSION FROM PAMELA MCLEAN

The call for views referenced six specific questions and I here address the first three:

- Whether the policies set out in the NPF2 support the Government's key aims for the development of Scotland to 2030.

The government's aims of a Healthier, Fairer and Greener Scotland are not served by policies which promote airport expansion and personal car travel. Further, none of the 12 National projects appear to support public transport, cycling or renewable energy (except for possibly the grid enhancements).

- Whether the correct balance has been struck between economic development and environmental protection.

Increased capacity for air and personal car travel will only serve to increase green house gas emissions thereby making it difficult if not impossible to meet the government's stated aims of reducing emissions by 80% by 2050. New coalfired power stations and increased coal mining will increase emissions and carbon capture and storage, whilst good in theory, still does not exist. More emphasis needs to be put into renewable energy generation which will create economic development AND protect the environment, as well as keeping the lights on.

- Whether the proposals listed as potential national developments meet the [criteria set out by Ministers in a statement to Parliament on 13 September 2007.](#)

It is difficult to see how NPF2, when it will ultimately increase GHG emissions (see response from SDC), will support "The fourth criterion reflects our commitment to creating a greener Scotland and specific commitments on reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, making the most of Scotland's renewable energy potential....." and although the framework does go some way toward "The fifth criterion recognises that key individual projects may be critical to the successful delivery of wider programmes of investment in national infrastructure in areas such as renewable energy development....." none of the 12 National Projects appear to have any renewable elements.

I would also like to state here my concerns about the adequacy of the consultation process relating to NPF2 as it does not seem to have been conducted wholly in line with the participation statement and did not do the following:

- 1) specifically consult people who will be affected by the developments

- 2) consult people in a way that they could understand both the implications of the NPF and the developments and policies contained in it
- 3) consult people at a time and place suitable to them (for example all of the events were held during working hours)
- 4) reach out to people who are not normally involved in planning issues
- 5) have an effective way of informing the people of Scotland about what was happening

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