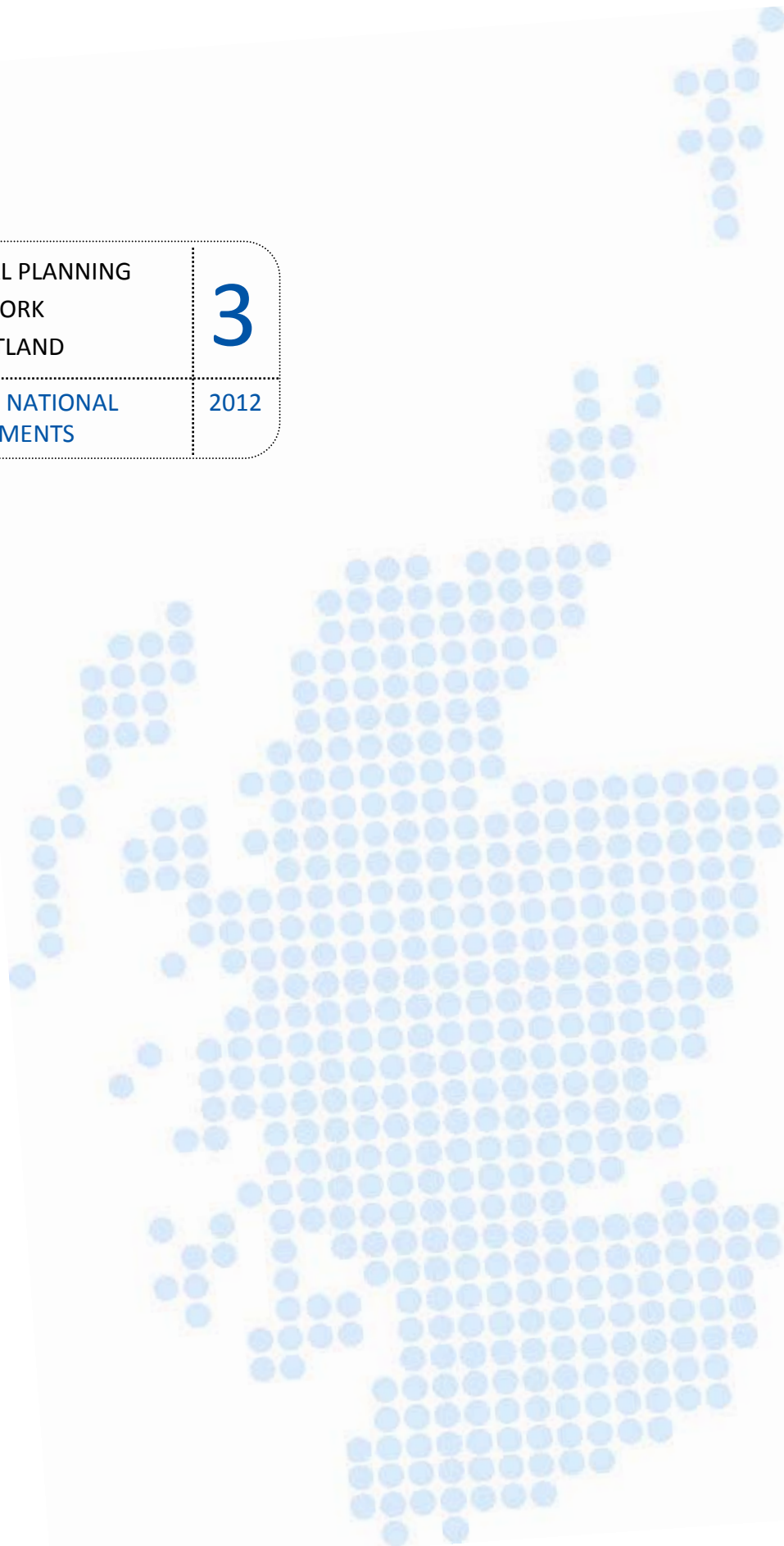


NATIONAL PLANNING
FRAMEWORK
FOR SCOTLAND

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CALL FOR NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENTS

2012



National Planning Framework 3 Call for Candidate National Developments



A PLAN FOR SCOTLAND Ambition, Opportunity, Place

The Scottish Government is to prepare the third National Planning Framework – ‘NPF3’ - the spatial strategy for Scotland. This will identify a number of ‘national developments’, establishing the need for them in the national interest.

The Scottish Government is therefore requesting the submission of proposals for national developments, using the attached Proposal Form, by **Friday 14 December 2012**.

If you have a proposal for a deliverable, nationally important development, then we’d like to hear about it. Proposal forms should be submitted for the existing national developments, should those taking them forward feel that they will be relevant to NPF3.

Key Themes

The Scottish Government considers promoting economic recovery; supporting sustainable economic growth; the transition to a low-carbon economy and facilitating the further expansion of renewable energy generating capacity to be key themes for NPF3. Adaptation to climate change, transport, waste, digital infrastructure, environmental quality, green infrastructure, housing, tourism, rural development, placemaking and the future of town and cities are also likely to be important. However, Ministers will welcome proposals for projects which would contribute positively to Scotland’s development whether or not they fall obviously within the scope of these categories.

Purpose of National Developments

The purpose of the national development designation is to establish the need for those developments in order to facilitate the developments through the subsequent consenting processes. Development which already has consent will not generally require national development status. Where a national development needs planning permission it will be processed by the relevant planning authority, in the first instance, using the same procedures as for major developments.

Criteria for Assessment of Proposals

All national developments will make a significant contribution to Scotland's sustainable economic growth and will demonstrate this by satisfying a number of criteria:

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- **The development will be of more than regional significance.**

National developments must also make a significant contribution to one or more of the following:

- **An 80% reduction in emissions by 2050.**
- **Achieving the aims of the Zero Waste Plan.**
- **The Scottish Government's Renewable Energy Targets.**
- **Skills development, reducing unemployment and job creation.**
- **Strengthening Scotland's links with the rest of the world.**
- **Improving our digital, transport, utilities or green infrastructure networks.**
- **Adapting to or mitigating the effects of climate change.**
- **Improving the quality of the built or natural environment.**

We will assess all candidate national developments proposed to us against these criteria. We will identify proposed national developments which we think support the preferred and alternative strategies set out in our Main Issues Report, due for publication in Spring 2013. We will make public all the completed Proposal forms and supporting information we receive, and a summary of our assessment of them.

Please return this form to: npfteam@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or NPF Team, The Scottish Government, Area 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

National Planning Framework 3 - National Developments Proposal Form	
Proposer	
Contact details	
Date	
Title of development	
Elements to be covered by national development status (list)	
Fit with criteria and statement of more than regional importance (guide - 500 words)	
Location (description, map reference, or map)	
Public Engagement to date (guide - 100 words)	
Environmental Study / Assessment available? (yes / no)	
<i>If yes, what significant effects were identified</i>	
Delivery timescale	
Development lifespan	
Consents required	
Visual representation of the development available? <i>If yes, please list and state if provided.</i>	



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