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Thank you for the letter of late November inviting initial comments on the issues for inclusion in the proposed replacement Structure Plan.

sportscotland is aware of the Scottish Executive's preference for shorter Structure Plans with a more strategic focus. sportscotland still considers that there should, within such a document, be guidance for local plans on dealing with open space, sport and physical recreation. There is much advice contained within NPPG11 about what Structure Plans can and indeed should contain on these subjects. In particular, the replacement Structure Plan should contain the following:

A policy stating that the subsequent Local Plans should contain policies seeking to protect playing fields and other public open space.

A policy encouraging the three local authorities to develop strategies for the provision of sports facilities, both indoor and outdoor.

A policy requiring local plans to ensure new housing development secures contributions to/provision of sports facilities required as a result of the housing development.

I look forward to receiving a consultation on the draft Plan, and would be happy to discuss in the meantime how the above or related issues may be dealt with. Future consultations should be addressed to David Liddell at Facilities Development, sportscotland, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ or to david.liddell@sportscotland.org.uk

Regards
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