

PE2090/B: Update the legislation granting permission for Digital Display Board

Petitioner submission, 20 May 2024

Thank you I thank the Scottish Government for its response to my petition prior to it being discussed by the Committee. I now respond with a few points and further information. I have made each of my points in relation to the paragraphs in the Scottish Government's response, although some relate back to previous statements in previous paragraphs.

Paragraph 3 of the response mentions the Control of Advertisement (Scotland) Regulations 1984, I'm sure no irony intended, I'm not sure anyone directed me to these in my research as all the discussion seemed to be around and relevant to Planning Law and the erection of structures, effectively.

Paragraph 4 moves on to notification of the public. I did not say there was no notification requirement, I stated that there is no requirement to notify neighbours of any such hoarding. I will refer back to this in a later point. As far as I can see this element of notification would be via the local Planning Portals and websites which obviously require a proactive member of the public to go looking for something that they may not even know has been applied for or that there is something to be viewed.

Paragraphs 5 and 6 can be distilled into the fact that many decisions are made at local level by the relevant authority by way of saying that they have control and the final say. My whole point however is that I believe these requirements are not strict enough and the message to me via Senior Glasgow Planning officials is that any change would have to be via the Scottish Government.

Paragraph 7 discusses further the notification requirements and ties back to paragraph 4. There seems to be great importance put on the 20m distant notification requirement.

So, we talk about statutory notifications on websites (proactive public required), statutory notifications in at least one local paper (hardly any left and again requires proactive public), and planning authority portals, again proactive public required, there are many areas of the city where that proactive public simply will not exist. It will in Bearsden and Milngavie though!

Should I wish to erect a small extension on my house I have to notify individually and directly any neighbours that may be affected by my building works, no such rule applies in this case, whatever the Scottish Government's response states in any paragraph. These constructions can easily slip past members of the public due to the nature of the regulations and the lack of the "Neighbour Notification" let's call it, requirement.