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Dear Ranald

Inquiry into Community Planning

The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is conducting post-legislative scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015, which creates requirements for community planning in each local authority area.

The Committee's [inquiry](#) is looking in particular at the impact of the Act on community planning, and how Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) respond to significant events such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the current cost of living crisis.

Regional transport authorities are listed as statutory partners in community planning, and to help inform our inquiry I would be grateful to receive your insights into the following:

1. How Hitrans engages with the CPP and works in partnership with other members.
2. Whether there are any challenges or barriers to that engagement being effective.
3. Your views on the whether the Act is meeting its objective of reducing inequalities, and the effectiveness of Local Outcome Improvement Plans and locality plans.
4. Whether the statutory partners as set out in Schedule 1 of the Act needs revisiting.

5. Whether there is sufficient leadership at a local or national level to support community planning.

I would be grateful for a response by the 31st March to enable the Committee to consider your contribution in the inquiry evidence.

Yours sincerely

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Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee