

### **3 FINALISED FIFE STRUCTURE PLAN 2006-2026, FINALISED FIFE STRUCTURE PLAN HOUSING LAND REQUIREMENT RE-APPRAISAL - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS BY THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT (AN43-2009)**

The Scottish Ministers have notified Dundee City Council of the draft modifications to the Fife Structure Plan. Members will recall that this Council formally objected (Report No 335-2006) to the strategic housing allocations as set out in the Finalised Fife Structure Plan at Housing Proposal H1 and H2 and the timescale for the proposed plan in light of changes to the framework for development planning in Scotland.

The Scottish Government's approach taken to Housing Land Release within the Finalised Fife Structure Plan still raises potentially significant issues of concern for Dundee City Council in terms of the impact on the development strategy of the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan and the imminent Strategic Development Plan (Tayplan). These predetermined housing numbers will undermine the ability of the new Strategic Development Plan Authorities to consider and progress their strategies.

In particular, the Scottish Government's apparent acceptance of the substantial housing allocation at Cupar North on the basis of developer contribution to fund a relief road and not based on a demonstrated local demand will inevitably draw demand from the Greater Dundee Housing Market Area,

It is also considered that the advancement of the Finalised Fife Structure Plan 2006-2026 over a 20 year period is considered to be inappropriate and will clearly constrain and undermine the ability of both Dundee and Edinburgh Strategic Development Plan Authorities to formulate appropriate Strategies for these new Plans.

Due to the timescales involved it should be noted that the Director of Planning and Transportation has submitted representations on behalf of the City Council to the Scottish Government requesting them to look again at the approach taken to Housing Land Release and the 20 year timescale of the Finalised Fife Structure Plan.