

### **SECTION 3 : CONSULTATION**

The Audit has been the subject of consultation with the Scottish Government's Housing and Regeneration Directorate, Homes for Scotland and the public, via the Angus and Dundee City Council Internet sites and through advertisement in the local press.

In contrast with previous housing land audits, Homes for Scotland (HfS) has been unable to provide a site-specific response for either the Angus Council or Dundee City Council administrative areas. This has been due to limitations in staff resources, in what has been a difficult period for the house building industry. In a general response issued to all local authorities for housing land audit purposes, it is suggested:

“that HfS and the Councils look at the total programme figures in audits, to try to agree a sensible total output for years 2008 and 2009, then look to build up completions from 2010, but in a sensible manner.”

The programming information within the 2008 Dundee & Angus Housing Land Audit reflects the position at June 2008 before the full effects of market uncertainty emerged in Dundee and Angus. While it is recognised that the programming assumptions are unlikely to reflect actual house building activity it is not considered appropriate to amend the 2008 Audit based on partial information for the 2008/09 year. The programming assumptions for future years will be reviewed at June 2009 taking account of completions on all sites for the whole of the current year.

In drawing up the Housing Land Audit for 2008, the Angus and Dundee City Councils have had full regard to the revised PAN 38 Housing Land (Revised 2003) which includes the following definition of effective housing land supply.

“.....the part of the established housing land supply that is expected to be free of constraints in the period under consideration, and will therefore be available for the construction of housing.”

The assessment of effectiveness of the sites identified in the 2008 Audit has been carried out having regard to the criteria set out in Paragraph 29 and summarised in Appendix 1 of this report.