

Planning and Consents Reform

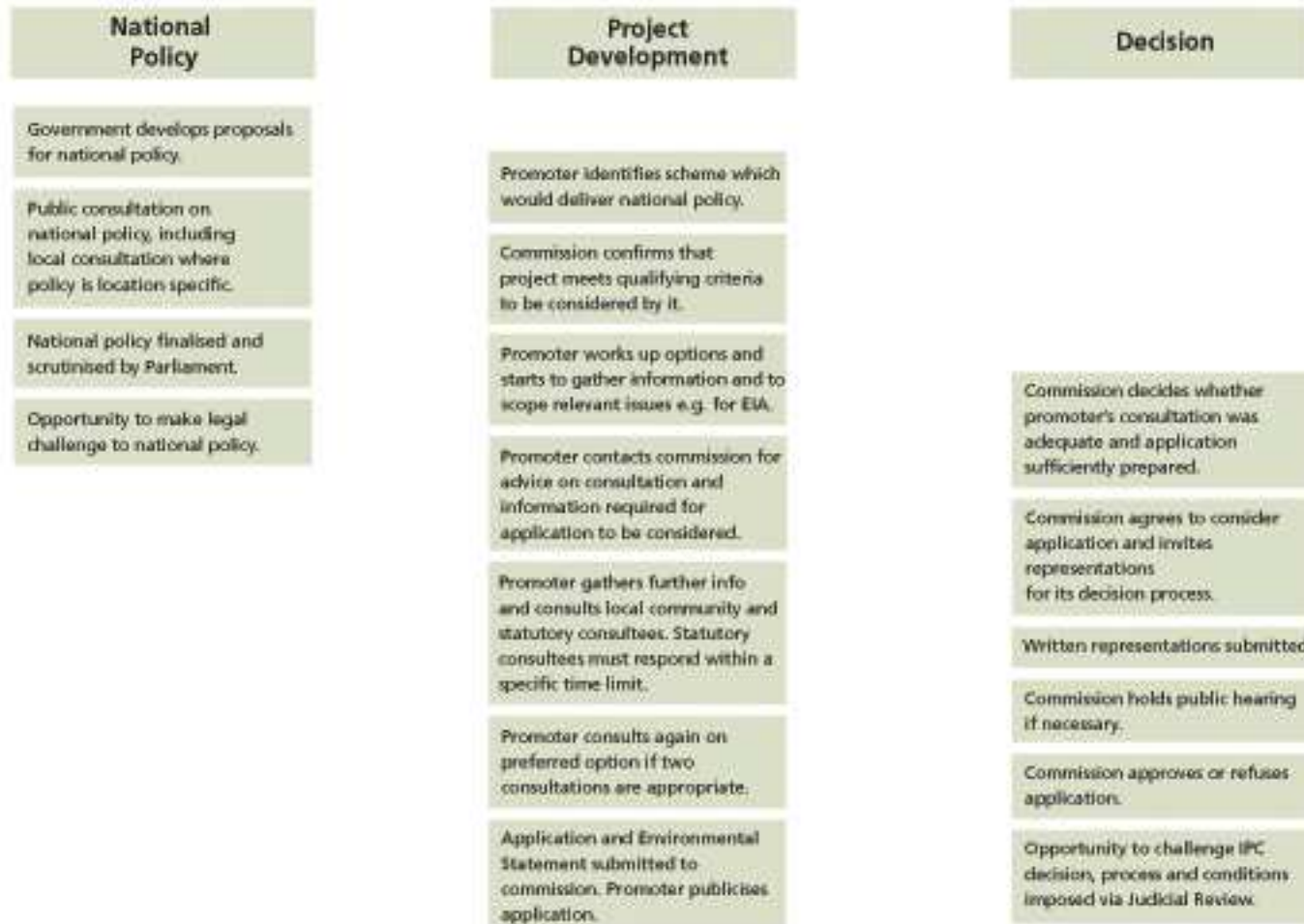
Background

- UK Planning White Paper
- Energy White Paper
 - s. 36/7 to be amended and included in Planning (Scotland?)
- Review of wayleaves
- Review of public inquiry rules

Basic Principles in Planning White Paper

- National Planning Statements
- Pre-application Consultation
- Independent Planning Commission
- One, single consents regime

Proposed New Regime for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects



FREDS Sub group

- Review of opportunities and issues for Scotland

Potential Questions for Scotland

- Will National Planning Statements be translated into National Planning Framework and How?
- How can consultees be incentivised and resourced to participate in the pre-application process?
- Should the threshold for determination through “s36” be changed?
- If so, should it be raised or lowered?

Questions (continued)

- Should the new administration reconsider a Scottish Planning Commission?
 - Is it just another unelected quango?
 - Or does it properly separate decisions on policy framework and individual projects?

Questions (ctd)

- What changes to the consents process could be implemented?
- What changes to the approach to, and rules for public inquiries could be considered?

Future of FREDS (subgroup)

- Take advantage of the opportunity to amend primary legislation
- Regardless of the future of FREDS and its sub-groups, industry should continue to work towards an optimised solution for Scotland