

PE1465/F

Petitioner Email of 27 August 2013

Dear Chris,

I have read the responses from both COSLA and The Scottish Government and wish to submit my comments.

The response from COSLA seems to be that it is of no concern of theirs so there is no need for me to make any comments on this.

The response from the Scottish Government is disappointing as they feel there is already legislation in place but this does not go far enough. Without the power to prosecute, landowners who fail to comply are getting away with their responsibilities to ensure the land they own is kept in a condition befitting the local communities. This response from The Scottish Government says that local authorities have the power to enter land, do the necessary work and reclaim the costs from the landowner. The response from my local council to this is that firstly the landowner just will not comply and secondly the council have informed me that they have been told by landowners that they themselves will be prosecuted for entering their land. This just makes a mockery of the whole situation.

I still maintain the act is incomplete without the powers to see it being fully implemented.

Yours,

Tony Ivanov