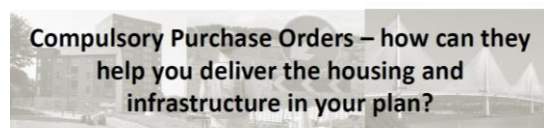


**Development Planning Forum
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Workshop Summary Notes**

Workshop E: CPO - how can it help you deliver the housing and infrastructure in your plan?

Facilitated by: Neil Langhorn & Matthew Shepherd, Scottish Government PAD

The following notes summarise participant comments and are not necessarily the views of the Scottish Government who helped to facilitate the workshops.



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Compulsory Purchase in Scotland

Neil presented a number of recent examples of authorities who had used their Compulsory Purchase Powers under Planning Legislation to enable a range of different projects to go ahead and highlighted a range of tips and pointers for authorities when considering preparing a CPO.

Discussion among delegates then highlighted a number of issues:

- Results have generally been positive when authorities have used CPO; in most cases objections are dropped at the last minute.
- There is an appreciation that planning CPO powers are wide ranging and could enable a range of different projects.
- Timescales for SG decision on CPOs are generally quicker than perceived.
- Public perception is important. Use of the word 'compulsory' creates difficulties. There is a need to emphasise the benefits to the wider population/area and balance this against those directly impacted.
- A main concern was about accurately estimating compensation payable. It is appreciated that this is a separate issue from getting the CPO approved and taking possession of the land but there is concern that LAs needs to know a likely cost up front to determine whether a project is viable.