



Consultation on Digital Transformation – Next steps

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be completed and returned with your response.

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

- ☒ Individual
☐ Organisation

Full name or organisation's name

Phone number

Address

Postcode

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We will share your response internally with other RoS policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Registers of Scotland to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

REGISTERS OF SCOTLAND**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION – NEXT STEPS****30 November 2016**

The introduction of the *Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012* (the 2012 Act) laid the foundations for conveyancing and land registration in Scotland to move out of the paper world and into the digital world. Much has already been achieved but the next steps in the journey will require changes to be made to the land register rules, using the regulation-making powers provided for that purpose in the 2012 Act. This consultation focuses on these changes and is in two parts. Part one sets out proposals for the introduction of new digital services in the Land Register; and part two sets out proposals for some consequential changes and other improvements to the land registration application form to support digital submission.

Comments on the proposals set out in this consultation are invited by **22 February 2017**, with a view to new regulations coming into force (subject to the approval of Parliament) later in 2017.

1. Do you agree that transition to a digital first service should be the next step? **YES**

2. Do you agree with the proposed timescale of 1 April 2018 for prescribing that advance notices over part be fully digital? **YES**

3. Do you agree with a notice period of six months? **YES**

4. Do you agree the initial focus for digital registration, following launch of the digital discharge service, should be provision of channels aimed at standard securities and dispositions? **NO – SHOULD BE**

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5. What deed types do you consider we should prioritise for new services subsequent to securities and dispositions?

NO COMMENT

6. Do you consider that for the limited purpose of dual recording, it should be permissible to record an electronic deed in the sasine register or should be permissible to record a paper copy of the digital deed?

YES

7. Do you agree that ten working days from the date of digital submission is an appropriate period to allow the prior deeds to be submitted?

YES

8. Do you have a view on alternative ways you would like to present supporting documents accompanying a digital application?

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UPLOAD PDF. BOTH OPTIONS. SOME OLD DEEDS DON'T SCAN WELL.

9. Do you agree with the main changes that we propose to make to the application form?

YES

10. Are there any other changes you suggest we should make with a view to simplifying it and making it easier to follow?

NONE

11. Do you agree that instead of prescribing the content of the application form in the Land Register Rules, the keeper should publish the land registration application form on an administrative basis so that it can be amended from time to time, following consultation and due notice, without the need for changes to be made to the rules?

YES

12. Do you agree that this approach should be adopted for both applications submitted on paper and applications prepared through a digital service provided by the keeper?

YES