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NEWS

£5.2m Galashiels transport interchange opens
A £5.2m transport interchange in Galashiels, which will connect to the Borders railway, has been opened.
BBC News, 6 August 2015
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-33801413

200 room student housing scheme planned in Stirling
Empiric has bought a site in Stirling for £650k on which it is said to be planning a student housing scheme with about 200 beds.
The Scotsman, 3 August 2015

Environmental campaigners challenge to Cairngorms local plan.
Three environmental groups (the Cairngorms Campaign, the Scottish Campaign for National Parks and the Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group) have decided to end their challenge to the Cairngorms National Park Authority's local plan which includes plans for 1,500 homes at An Camas Mor, near Aviemore.
BBC News, 6 August 2015
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-33801737

Granton Harbour scheme recommended for refusal
Planning officials have recommended the refusal of plans to build a development of 2000 homes, a 120 bed hotel, and a 400 berth Marina with leisure and retail space at Granton Harbour in Edinburgh.
STV News, 7 August 2015

Planning officials recommend refusal of “ribbon” hotel
Planning officials have recommended that plans to build the “ribbon” hotel at the centre of the St James Centre development in Edinburgh be refused.
The Evening News, 6 August 2015

Councillors endorse Glentress development plan
Borders councillors have endorsed a draft development masterplan for Glentress which includes 65 cabins, an enhanced visitor centre, better roads and additional parking.
BBC News, 6 August 2015
Charlotte Baptist Chapel to become hotel and bar
Carlton Hotel Collection is planning to convert Charlotte Baptist Chapel on Rose Street in Edinburgh into a hotel and bar.
*The Herald, 7 August 2015*

Glenisla Golf Course on the market
Glenisla Golf Course near Alyth has been put on the market. Outline planning permission exists in respect of land adjacent to the course for 215 houses, nine business units, a hotel and nursing home.
*The Courier, 1 August 2015*

£2.6m bridge restoration begins
A £2.6m restoration to Albert Bridge, which links Saltmarket and Crown Street in Glasgow, has started.
*The Evening Times, 3 August 2015*
[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13525419.Renovations_begin_on_2.6m_bridge_restoration_project/?ref=arc](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13525419.Renovations_begin_on_2.6m_bridge_restoration_project/?ref=arc)

Cuningar Loop opening delayed due to bridge problems
The opening of the £5.7m Cuningar Loop woodland park in the East End of Glasgow has been delayed due to the delayed construction of a bridge which is to link the park to the Commonwealth Games Athlete’s Village.
*The Evening Times, 3 August 2015*
[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13525426.Cuningar_Loop_opening_is_delayed/?ref=arc](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13525426.Cuningar_Loop_opening_is_delayed/?ref=arc)

New Portobello park planned
Local residents in Portobello are being consulted on plans to build a new park on a site alongside the new St John’s Primary School.
*The Evening News, 5 August 2015*
[http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/education/1m-park-plan-for-old-portobello-high-school-site-1-3849671](http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/education/1m-park-plan-for-old-portobello-high-school-site-1-3849671)

Historic Scotland to invest £1.6m in 8 sites
8 historic sites across Scotland are to be repaired or restored under Historic Scotland’s building repairs grants scheme.
*The Evening Times, 5 August 2015*
[www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13576848.1.6m_Historic_Scotland_repairs_project_to_boost_eight_sites/?ref=arc](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13576848.1.6m_Historic_Scotland_repairs_project_to_boost_eight_sites/?ref=arc)

Council considers plans to revamp common good register
The City of Edinburgh Council is considering a revamp of the common good register after Parliament House was gifted to the Faculty of Advocates.
*The Evening News, 6 August 2015*

Plans for affordable homes at Crombie Primary School considered
Fife Council is to discuss plans to build 15 affordable homes on the site of Crombie Primary School with local residents.
*The Courier, 1 August 2015*
UK housebuilding growth slows
A survey by the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply shows that UK residential building activity in July grew at its second-slowest monthly pace since June 2013.
*The Herald, 4 August 2015*

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Second Consultation on a New Tenancy for the Private Sector
*The Scottish Government, 3 August 2015*

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