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# **Delivering One Planet Prosperity – A House Builder’s contribution to SEPA’s Landfill Sector Plan**

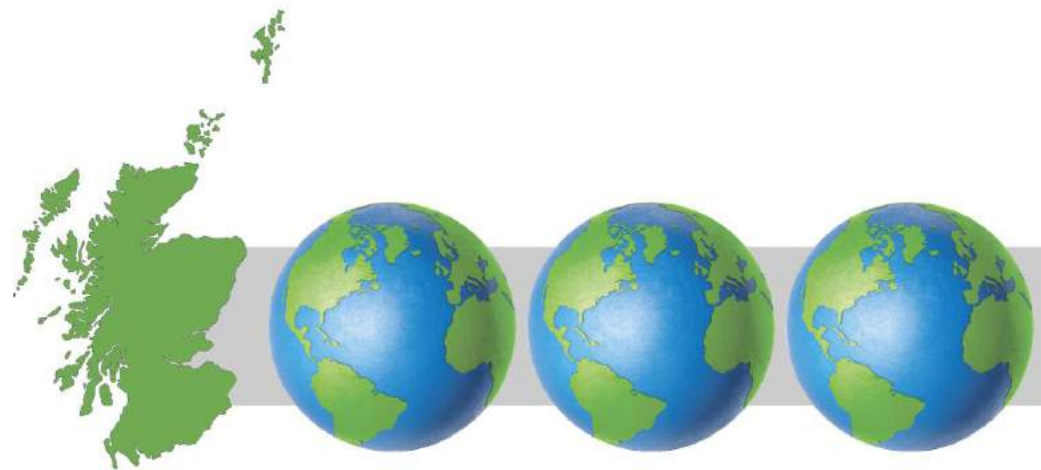
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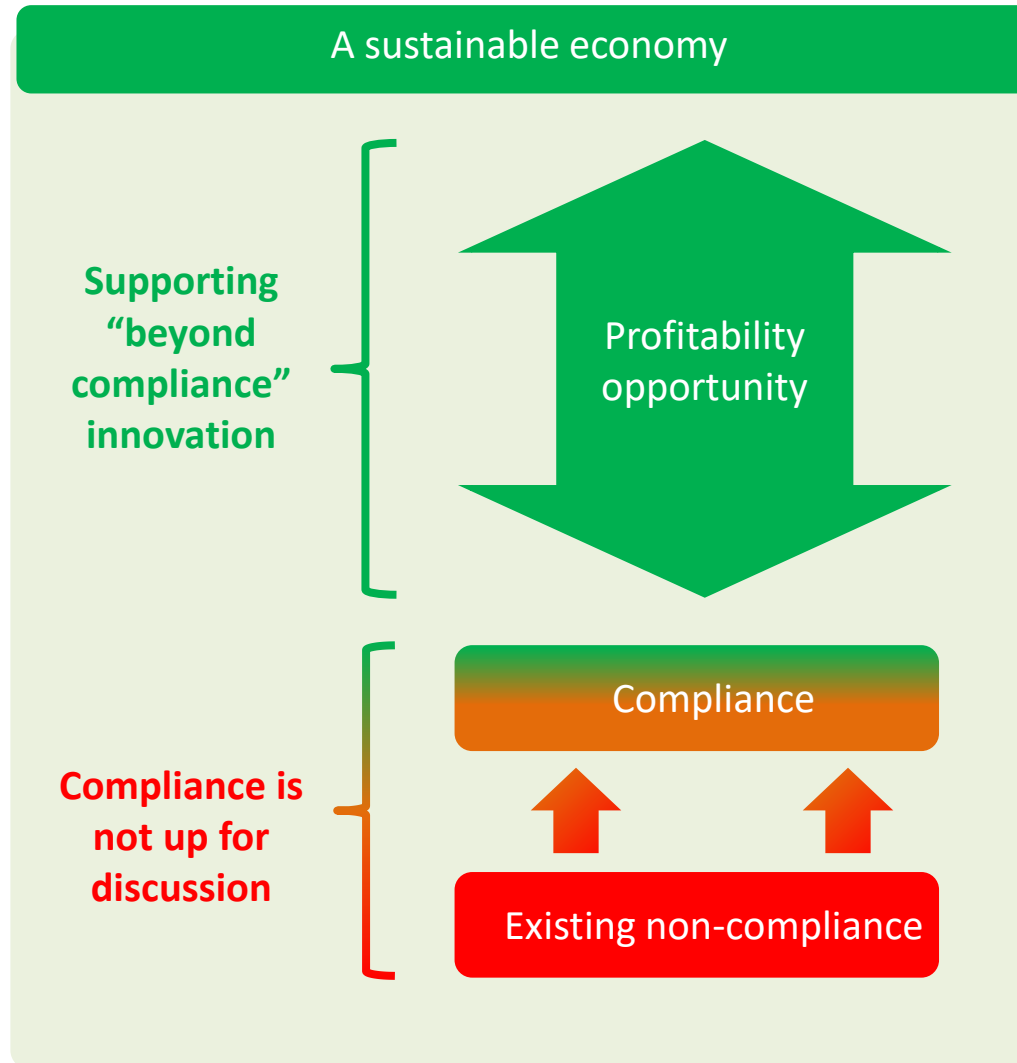
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**“ECONOMIC SUCCESS”**



# One Planet Prosperity: **SEPA's** Regulatory Strategy

# Regulating for prosperity within planetary constraints



# Why a Landfill Sector Plan?

- Upcoming BMW ban
- A poor sector compliance record
- Internal lessons learned
- Feedback from the sector
- Potential for large climate change benefits in the closed LF sector

# What's it got to do with house builders?

**>25%**

of waste disposed of at Scottish landfills comes directly from the construction and demolition industry.

# Vision

- Scottish landfills provide a valuable service as an environmentally sound disposal route **for wastes which cannot be recycled or recovered.**
- Landfill operators are compliant with the law, operate to high standards, are good neighbours in their communities and have adequate financial provision in place.
- **Landfill operators are responding to increasing waste prevention, reuse and recovery rates by rethinking operations and diversifying their businesses.**
- **The waste supply chain supports a circular economy within the sector by maximising the economic recovery of waste and only landfilling waste that has reached the end of its life.**
- Landfills are closed and restored in such a way that protects the environment, including gas utilisation or flaring to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



# Delivering Compliance

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- Resource efficiency
- Duty of Care

# Duty of Care

- **What is it?**

A legal responsibility to handle waste without harming the environment.

- **What does it apply to?**

Commercial, industrial and household waste

- **Who does it apply to?**

Anyone who produces, transports, stores or manages waste in any way

- **How long does it last?**

Until the waste is recovered or disposed of!

# What are the obligations?

- Store waste securely when in your possession
- Apply the waste hierarchy!
- Separate key recyclables – paper, cardboard, metal, glass and plastic.
- Separate special / hazardous waste and use a consignment note
- For all other waste – Waste Transfer Notes
- **Check that whoever collects your waste is registered with SEPA and is going to an authorised facility.**

# Complying with Duty of Care – Top Tips

- Make sure your waste collector is registered with SEPA as a waste carrier and ask where your waste goes. Remember you retain responsibility for the waste!
- Look out for unrealistically cheap prices – this may be a sign of illegal activity down the line. Call us if you're suspicious.
- Check [NetRegs.gov.uk](http://NetRegs.gov.uk) for guidance including the Duty of Care Code of Practice – or call us on 01698 839000

# Supporting Beyond Compliance Opportunities

**Landfill operators are responding to increasing waste prevention, reuse and recovery rates by rethinking operations and diversifying their businesses.**

Getting recycled aggregates into the market as 'equivalent products'.

Innovative use of restored landfill estate.

District heating schemes.

# Other Sector opportunities

- 3 Finalised sector plans
- 3 more out to consultation
- 10 new ones in development, including...
  
- Forestry & timber production
- Housing
- Transport and Utilities Infrastructure
- Water and Waste Water Treatment

# Any Questions?

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