

SAAF Open Forum: Glasgow, 13 Feb 2018

Strong views expressed.

The current scheme has failed to effectively re-assure end users about safety because it is not widely known about outside the outdoor industry.

Concern about public reaction to removing a statutory measure that was introduced following a tragedy. Countered by statement that HSE will oversee any replacement.

It should be possible in Scotland to have a common scheme without necessarily a common pricing structure.

Charging for inspection by the hour would be a fairer system.

End users don't really care about accreditation.

Providers who wish to opt in often do so because they seek self assurance rather than marketing advantage.

There must be a clear rationale for what is included and what is omitted from the scope and reach of any revised scheme.

MCS are strongly in favour of a GB-wide scheme.

Option 3 can only be seen as an aspiration at this stage as other circumstances/developments could get in its way.

Fears expressed about the level of buy in to a non statutory scheme and about subsequent slippage.

Options 1 and 2 would not be subject to the same set up costs as Option 3 because much is already in place.

Disappointment at the absence of Scottish Government presence at the meeting.

Consultation fatigue!! We are 8 years in and still consulting with no actual change.

SAPOE view consistently favoured a statutory scheme

Frustration about not 'weighting' responses to the discussion document. Some clarification of intent was given. SAAF should circulate clarification.

SAAF should now seek some clarification from Scottish Government on the current ministerial position.