## CONFERENCE REQUEST TEMPLATE

## **REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE - CONFERENCES**

Conference Details: Disused and Derelict Land Use and Assets 2019 Conference -

**Engagement, Innovation and Potential** 

Title/Organisation/Body: Impact Engagement

Venue: The Studios, Glasgow

Date: 26 November 2019

## **Brief Description of Conference Programme**

Scotland currently has approximately 11,000 hectares of vacant and derelict land across 3,700 sites. A register of disused property was set up 30 years ago and many projects have re-used buildings and land productively, but the total area has not changed significantly. This vacant and derelict land affects our communities and their potential. These sites can have a negative impact on an area, causing social, economic and environmental harm. However these sites also present opportunities for long term regeneration, renewal, growth, revived communities and reduced inequalities.

It is key to Scotland's future that this land is brought into use, which is why agencies such as The Scottish Land Commission and SEPA have set up a Task Force to take strategic responsibility for vacant and derelict land. This will act as a catalyst for addressing long-term land vacancy and dereliction across Scotland. The event will explore the nature and potential of these land assets, ownership and management options, finance, funding, regulation, planning, engagement, policy, opportunities and the economic, social and environmental benefits of bringing this land into use. The event is an opportunity for relevant organisation, such as within central government, local government, RSLs, social enterprises, community organisations, charities, renewable energy providers, developers, architects, planners, funders, infrastructure providers, employers, academics, skills providers, funders, environmental organisations and anyone involved in the built environment, sustainability, economic development and more to engage with peers to tackle issues, create partnerships, to develop innovative strategies and solutions with other thought leaders while engaging with new potential partners, suppliers and clients.