

Highland wide Local Development Plan - Main Issues Report Consultation Summary and Actions Sheet

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-245
Organisation/Individual:	Shieldaig Community Council (Richard and Claire Munday)

Action:

Immediate Response Required	
Meeting required with Respondent	
Issue for Area Local Development Plan	
Further Information Required	
Other (Please Specify)	

If no box ticked - issues raised will be dealt with in preparation of the Proposed Plan.

Issues Raised in Response:

Purpose of Main Issues Report	
NPF2 for Scotland	
Vision for the Highlands	
Inverness and A96	x
The A96 Corridor	
Phasing of Development	
Developer Contributions	
East Inverness	
Nairn	
Tornagrain	
Smaller Settlements in A96	
Caithness and North Sutherland	
Easter Ross and Nigg	
Development of Local Centres	x
Wider Countryside and Fragile Areas	x
Population and Housing	
Housing in the Countryside	
Affordable Housing	
Planning for an Ageing Population	
Gypsies/Travellers	
Retailing	
Developer Contributions	
Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage	

Previously used Land	
Wild Land	
Water Environment	
Renewable Energy	
Flooding	
Waste Management	
Air Quality	
Sustainable Design	
Business and Industrial Land	
Accessibility and Transport	
Agricultural Land	
Subdivision of Existing Crofts	
Allocation of Inbye Land	
New Crofting Township	
Small Scale New Crofts	
Coastal Development	
Forestry and Woodland	x
Minerals	
Open Space and Physical Activity	
Access to the Outdoors	
Comments on Consultation Process (+ve)	
Comments on Consultation Process (-ve)	

Key:

Background	Spatial Strategy	Policy Options	Consultation
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Notes:

<p>Strategy for Inverness supported but should be alongside policies for organic growth of smaller settlements Greater emphasis should be made of the importance of Forestry and Woodland especially with regard to the management of new woodland</p>
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Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
Date:	10/12/09

Simon Hindson

From: Richard and Claire Munday [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2009 17:16
To: devplans
Cc: alice maclennan
Subject: Highland Wide Local Development Plan

Dear Mr MacLeod

I am attaching the comments of the Shieldaig Community Council on your main issues report sent to us on 28 August.

If you have any queries please get back to me.

Richard Munday

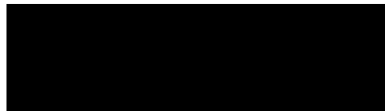
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6 November 2009

Dear Mr MacLeod

Highland - wide Local Development Plan

The Shieldaig Community Council considered the main issues report for this development plan at its meeting yesterday evening.

It had 3 main comments which I was asked to let you have –

1. we agree with the key policies in the report to consolidate major growth in the Highlands in the Inverness area followed by a phased approach in the A96 corridor. The term the capital of the Highlands probably trips off the tongue too readily. But there is no question that the facilities and services available in Inverness, the ease of travelling to it and within it and in a less tangible sense the feel of the city are of considerable importance to people in outlying West Coast communities like ours. It is a very attractive centre but it certainly needs an updated vision of the sort you are preparing, covering, for example, the relationship between retail development in the centre of the city and that on the retail parks, the scope (which you identify) for better use of the waterfront areas and improvements in transport facilities. We hope you will consult a cross-section of communities outwith Inverness, as well as those in the City itself, as your ideas develop.
2. however what is crucial to communities like ours, is that (1) above is applied in parallel with policies to facilitate and encourage the smaller scale “organic” growth of our own villages if they are not to turn into scenically attractive places to retire or to have a holiday home. Our young people who decide to stay and work in their communities or who come home after a period away, need homes to live in. Local businesses need to be encouraged, local schools supported and local social and recreational facilities developed. The policy in para 3 on page 29 of the Report goes some way to addressing the issue, but isn’t in our view sufficiently positive.

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3. we believe that more should be made of the importance of forestry and woodlands than is contained in the policies on pages 69 and 70, which come across as a local application of the Scotland wide Forestry Strategy. On the West Coast there has been a major investment of public money over the last 20 years in restoring large areas of native woodlands and there is probably scope for more. However if the new woodlands are to be effectively established, they will need proper management and long term protection. If this is done, there is every prospect that they will deliver the important benefits you identify in para 2 on page 69. But if the necessary policies are not put in place and for example the woodlands were to be exploited in an unsustainable way or there were to be a return to overgrazing, the cycle of woodland degradation will be repeated.

We hope these comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely

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