

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-43
Organisation/Individual:	Nigg Awareness Group (Peter Grant)

Action:

Immediate Response Required	x
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		Previously used Land	
NPF2 for Scotland		Wild Land	
Vision for the Highlands		Water Environment	
Inverness and A96		Renewable Energy	x
The A96 Corridor		Flooding	
Phasing of Development		Waste Management	
Developer Contributions		Air Quality	
East Inverness		Sustainable Design	
Nairn		Business and Industrial Land	
Tornagrain		Accessibility and Transport	
Smaller Settlements in A96		Agricultural Land	
Caithness and North Sutherland		Subdivision of Existing Crofts	
Easter Ross and Nigg		Allocation of Inbye Land	
Development of Local Centres		New Crofting Township	
Wider Countryside and Fragile Areas		Small Scale New Crofts	
Population and Housing		Coastal Development	
Housing in the Countryside		Forestry and Woodland	
Affordable Housing		Minerals	
Planning for an Ageing Population		Open Space and Physical Activity	
Gypsies/Travellers		Access to the Outdoors	
Retailing		Comments on Consultation Process (+ve)	
Developer Contributions		Comments on Consultation Process (-ve)	
Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage			

Key:

Background	Spatial Strategy	Policy Options	Consultation
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Notes:

Response should address potential error on p49 (operational and approved wind farms) for wind farm at Nigg Hill.

Action Sheet Completed by:	GW
Date:	8/12/09

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I am Co-Chairman of Nigg Awareness Group which has over 100 members objecting to the Nigg wind farm application.

Renewable Energy - Question 23

1. The map on page 49 of the booklet shows "Operational and Approved wind farms in Highland". You will note that the map shows a wind farm on or near Nigg Hill. As the nearby "Scoping Opinion" at Culisse has been abandoned, this can only mean that you have shown Nigg as approved. Please confirm that this mistake will be rectified. A number of our members have contacted me about this.
2. The Scottish Government's commitment to a long term reduction in carbon emissions of 80% by 2050 is in theory excellent. However what plans are proposed to provide back up energy if the wind does not blow in the middle of the winter? This obviously applies after nuclear and some fossil fuel installations are closed down in the not too distant future.
3. It was my understanding that the draft replacement to the HCRES was due for publication in August 2009. I believe this has now slipped to about Jan 2010. It is abundantly clear that there will be major changes to meet SPP6 or other requirements. Does this not throw onshore wind farm planning into some disarray until the plan is finalised, or do you have some guidelines already in place ?
4. There is one specific point I would like to have clarified.

On 30th December, 2008 Mrs Wells, Convenor of SHWC (the Highland wide Group) wrote to Jim Mather, MSP concerning the 2km separation distance between dwellings and turbines mentioned in both SPP6 and PAN 45 .

Alison Hurd responded on behalf of Jim Mather in January 2009. I understand copies of this correspondence was forwarded to Highland Council. The final paragraph of Alison Hurd's letter states: "The Highland Council will be able to provide further information on planning policies in your area and explain how it approaches decisions on separation distance and wind farm capacity". I would be most grateful if you could respond to the above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Peter Grant

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