

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-165
Organisation/Individual:	GVA Grimley Ltd – ASDA stores ltd

Action:

Immediate Response Required	x
Meeting required with Respondent	
Issue for Area Local Development Plan	x
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	
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:

Re-affirming commitment to Highland areas and offering support for the MIR
 Supports preferred option for prioritising the Culduthel-Slackbuie area as a major housing site – requests the Culduthel-Slackbuie “District Centre” remains in the HWLDP and that development plan policy support is given to promoting Class 1 retail uses
 Add to IMF LDP Mailing list and send letter to inform.

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

Dawn Sutherland

From: Wheelan, Peter [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2009 15:29
To: devplans
Subject: Representation To The Highland Wide LDP

FAO Development Plans

On behalf of my client, Asda Stores Ltd, I attach a representation to The Highland Wide LDP MIR.

Please note that a hard copy of this representation will follow in early due course.

Kind regards

Peter

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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE HIGHLAND WIDE LOCAL PLAN – MAIN ISSUES REPORT (AUGUST 2009)
ASDA STORES LTD**

GVA Grimley has been instructed by ASDA Stores Ltd to make a representation to The Highland Wide Local Plan Main Issues Report (August 2009).

In July 2009 ASDA received outline planning permission for the development of a 6,510 sqm (gross) superstore, five ancillary retail units comprising 1,110 sqm (gross) floorspace and a petrol filling station at Lower Slackbuie Farm, Inverness. Following this, an application for matters specified in conditions specifically covering enabling ground works at the site was submitted and registered in September 2009. It is anticipated that the remaining detailed matters will be applied for in December 2009 / January 2010 with the hope that planning permission will be issued to allow development to commence by mid 2010.

ASDA would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to investing in The Highland area by offering their support for The Highland Wide Local Plan Main Issues Report which identifies the Inverness and the A96 corridor as a critical area for continued growth to allow the Highlands to prosper. More specifically, ASDA offer their support for the preferred option of prioritising the Culdulthel – Slackbuie area as a major development site for housing within Main Issues Report.

In order to ensure that the land use planning needs of the expanding southern population of Inverness are adequately catered for, ASDA requests that the Culdulthel – Slackbuie 'District Centre', as defined within the adopted Inverness Local Plan, is identified as a 'District Centre' within the emerging Highland Wide LDP. Given the important role ASDA's development proposals could have in meeting increasing retail demand and stimulating future development interest at the 'District Centre', ASDA consider it critical that continued Development Plan policy support is given to promoting Class 1 retail uses together with a wider mix of commercial uses at this strategically important location.

In terms of retail capacity, ASDA requests that the approved retail floorspace figures, as detailed above, are recognised within the LDP. Importantly, ASDA request that these be defined as introductory baseline figures with policy support for additional Class 1 retail floorspace to reflect future capacity requirements within the lifetime of the plan.

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ASDA welcomes the opportunity to comment at this stage in the LDP process and would appreciate to be kept informed of the on going progress in the preparation of the Highland Wide LDP and the forthcoming Inner Moray Firth LDP.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

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cc Lynn Scott

ASDA Stores Ltd