

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

Reference Number:	<b>HWLDP-MIR-12</b>
Organisation/Individual:	Mr Bob Bull

**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	
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	
Wider Countryside and Fragile Areas	
Population and Housing	
Housing in the Countryside	
Affordable Housing	
Planning for an Ageing Population	
Gypsies/Travellers	
Retailing	
Developer Contributions	x
Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage	

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

**Key:**

<b>Background</b>	<b>Spatial Strategy</b>	<b>Policy Options</b>	<b>Consultation</b>
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**Notes:**

Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
Date:	7/12/09

**Dawn Sutherland**

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**From:** Simon Hindson on behalf of devplans  
**Sent:** 22 September 2009 12:32  
**To:** Dawn Sutherland  
**Subject:** FW: Highland Wide Local Development Plan

Dawn,

Can you log this as a response to the Main Issues Report Please. I have acknowledged it by email

Cheers,

Simon Hindson  
Graduate Planner

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bob Bull [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 22 September 2009 11:52  
**To:** devplans  
**Subject:** Highland Wide Local Development Plan

Dear Sir/ Madam

Please find the following points as my view on some of the aspects of this plan.

Whilst recognizing the need for development, I note that no consideration is given to the loss of agricultural land, such as that on the A96 Corridor. Food Security is of increasing concern to the Scottish Government, and is also becoming recognized as a major world issue. Any development should be targeted on non productive areas such as "Brown Field "sites

I would note that the majority of the plan refers to the Inverness area, and does not seem to be " Highland wide "

"Sustainable Design" gets little space within the document- and this is a golden opportunity to be forward thinking in terms of sustainability. Not just for individual houses which clearly need to be different in that they need to incorporate sustainability at their core- rather than as an add on. Passive and Active Solar features, as well as high levels of insulation should be standard. Consideration should also be given to incorporating technology for local energy production facilities, such as local scale wind turbines. I am encouraged to see that consideration will be given to developing retail outlets within new developments One premise that is fundamentally flawed is that housing areas should be separate from employment opportunities. It is vital that the need for people to commute is reduced, as clearly transport is unsustainable at current levels let alone with increasing populations, both in terms of the Peak Oil concept, climate change and congestion. Whilst recognizing that some commuting will take place, there should be a suitable infrastructure for public transport- including secure cycle parking facilities at bus stops/ railways stations etc. In addition homes should be given enough space to be able to grow their own food, or at least easily accessible community food growing areas.

I recognize the common practice in this area to require developers to contribute towards infrastructure changes to benefit the local area, I am very concerned that this perpetrates the big developers as opposed to locally focused projects. I feel there should be a more equitable formula for the way in which this process works to ensure a level playing field.

22/09/2009

I hope these comments are useful.

Bob Bull

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