

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-200
Organisation/Individual:	Ross-shire Waste Action Network (Caroline Eccles)

Action:

Immediate Response Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting required with Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issue for Area Local Development Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further Information Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Key:

Background	Spatial Strategy	Policy Options	Consultation
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Notes:

Consider premature to have a policy which includes:
 3 Energy from Waste Plants (EfW) at this point: would like a more flexibly worded policy to enable further work to be done on alternative
 EfW Plants are likely to discourage the general public from recycling and reducing waste

Action Sheet Completed by:	GW
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Subject: Highland Wide Local Development Plan

Response to question 25:

RoWAN is a charity and a company limited by guarantee. Our aim is to support householders, community groups and businesses in reducing the amount of waste they create and send to landfill.

RoWAN does not wish to comment on the suitability or otherwise of different locations for waste management facilities, but rather on the overall nature of the proposals. We consider that it is premature to have a policy which includes three Energy from Waste (EfW) plants at this point. We would like a more flexibly worded policy to enable further work to be done on alternatives. We appreciate that work has been done in the past on options, but this is likely to have become rapidly out of date.

There are still significant gains to be made from increasing recycling and waste prevention by both households and the commercial sector. Whilst acknowledging that there are financial costs for infrastructure, these need to be weighed up against the costs of EfW or other disposal options. We would like to see more household collection of biodegradable waste, for example using the existing brown bins to collect cardboard.

Putting in place EfW facilities is likely to discourage the general public from recycling and reducing waste as they will perceive EfW plants as a solution that takes responsibility away from them for taking any action. EfW are extremely expensive and once in place, there will be little incentive to reduce the availability of feedstock. We understand this situation is already arising with the incinerator on Shetland, where they are concerned that with increased recycling rates, they may receive less feedstock from Orkney.

We welcome the proposal to have three In Vessel Composting (IVC) plants. We understand this option may include Anaerobic Digestion (AD). We would like to see an even stronger emphasis on IVC, and particularly AD as this produces energy. Significant research has been carried out by Eunomia Research and Consulting for the Government of Ireland (see eunomia.co.uk) comparing the environmental impact of incineration, landfill and Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT-including AD) and their work concluded that in terms of environmental impact, MBT was by far the best option. We would like Highland Council to look further at MBT options.

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