

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-212
Organisation/Individual:	Doug Kippen

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		Previously used Land	
NPF2 for Scotland		Wild Land	
Vision for the Highlands		Water Environment	
Inverness and A96		Renewable Energy	
The A96 Corridor	x	Flooding	
Phasing of Development		Waste Management	
Developer Contributions		Air Quality	
East Inverness		Sustainable Design	
Nairn		Business and Industrial Land	
Tomagraim		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:

Plans for expansion in Easter Ross need to be set in context of low fly circuits by the RAF
Clarity needed over inclusion of Nigg Hill wind farm on page 44

Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
Date:	10/12/09

Simon Hindson

From: Doug Kippen [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 November 2009 23:52
To: devplans
Subject: HWLDP

Herewith some observations on selected aspects of the above Plan:

Page 14 Dispersed Growth Option

Map on page 14 envisages settlement growth for Fearn. Plans are already well advanced for substantial residential growth for Tain. Surely this must be seen in the context of the degree of low fly circuits by fighter/bombers from Lossiemouth and elsewhere, the noise of which blights the lives of existing residents across the peninsula.

Residential numbers in the area have increased over the decades, as the noise from the planes has become so much greater than in the early days of propellor craft. Had the range not existed, it is highly unlikely such a live bombing range as we now suffer could possibly have been imposed upon the residents of Fearn, Tain, Inver, Portmahomack, Rockcliff and the Seaboard Villages.

It is surely irresponsible, even dishonourable, actively to promote residential growth in the full knowledge of the existence of such aural pollution. We who would sell our houses are, I believe, legally expected to declare any noise nuisance to potential buyers.

Planners may have little or no direct influence of MoD/RAF policies. Even so, the present fact of such noise should be factored in, as has the steepness of the terrain and lack of daylight in the case of the landscape southwest of Inverness.

Planning policy should surely acknowledge the limitations such pollution puts on the quality of life on the Fearn Peninsula.

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A smaller point, maybe, perhaps a clerical error. To the best of our local knowledge, and we do monitor such things carefully and often, the proposed wind farm for the Hill of Nigg has not been granted planning permission, but is so marked on the map on page 49 as "Operational and Approved". Since it does not physically exist, it would seem to many that it has been approved.

Is it any wonder that taxpayers remain suspicious of how planning applications are progressed when contentious applications seem to have gained surreptitious approval.

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