

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-145
Organisation/Individual:	Brian MacGregor

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	
NPE 2 for Scotland	
Vision for the Highlands	
Inverness and A96	
The A96 Corridor	
Phasing of Development	
Developer Contributions	
East Inverness	
Nairn	
Tornagrain	x
Smaller Settlements in A96	x
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	
Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage	

Previously used Land	
Wild Land	
Water Environment	
Renewable Energy	
Flooding	
Waste Management	
Air Quality	
Sustainable Design	
Business and Industrial Land	
Accessibility and Transport	
Agricultural Land	
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:

Background	Spatial Strategy	Policy Options	Consultation
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Notes:

Would like us to consider views expressed in letter to Inverness Courier (Letter attached)

Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
Date:	9/12/09

FAX 3 pages

Highland wide Local Development Plan Main Issues Report Questionnaire

Please fill in this questionnaire. Your views are extremely important to us and we will take them into consideration when preparing the proposed plan.

If you would prefer you can answer only the questions on the issues that you are interested in. If you have any general comments, please put them in the box on page 12.

Please fill in your details below so we can keep you up to date with the progress of the Highland wide Local Development Plan.

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This form can also be filled in online at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/developmentplans>

**This Questionnaire must be returned by
5pm Monday 9th November, 2009**

Comments Box

I found your questionnaire contained a great many items that were outside my interest. However, I am aware of the views of APT (as a member) and the views of Mitchell CC and Brog CC so I should like you to consider my views expressed in a letter to Governors Courier.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

Copy to Main Issues Team

Brian MacGregor

From: "Brian MacGregor" <[REDACTED]>
To: <editorial@inverness-courier.co.uk>
Sent: 03 November 2009 12:03
Subject: Re: Development Plan Response

Dear Editor

Having attended a recent Croy cc meeting when Malcolm MacLeod from Highland Council Planning Department was on stage to present details and answer questions on Highland Council's Highland Wide local Development Plan perhaps readers might be interested in a few facts that were agreed at that evening. Malcolm accepted that the basis for a new Tornagrain town were founded on plans for a new Inverness Airport Business Park which his department estimate would create 18,000 jobs.

Well that statement is maybe not quite in the same league as the "weapons of mass destruction" claim, but nobody in the hall seemed willing to believe the planner's statistic.

The idea for TNT (Tornagrain New Town) seems to have been spawned back in 2005 when the Highland Council Director of planning promised "One new job, with every new house"

Malcolm agreed that there is a policy in place restricting any such A96 development until proper infrastructure such as dual carriage way between Inverness and Nairn is in place.

He then agreed that there is no hope of funding for such a venture, or the Nairn by-pass, before the new Forth Road Bridge is built in 2016.

Malcolm might just as well have tried to tell us the Emperor is wearing a suit of invisible clothes, but the well behaved folk in Croy were courteous enough not to ridicule the messenger from Glenurquhart Rd who appeased the natives with promises that the views of the public will be taken on board.

They have not been taken on board thus far and Highland Council planners seem to think that the Tornagrain plan is still the only show in town.

They have not adjusted their vision in the aftermath of the banking crisis and the lack of Central Government funding.

The Director of Planning failed to attend the Croy meeting and the presence of Malcolm on a Croy stage unable to answer so many important questions, represented a most pitiful spectacle indeed. Surely this must now mean that without any prospects of developing TNT before 2016, the planners have nothing to do along the A96 in the immediate future.

Is it not time now to admit that the TNT vision is dead and resources should now be channelled to developing and strengthening existing communities elsewhere in the Highlands?

Yours sincerely, Brian MacGregor