

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

Reference Number:	<b>HWLDP-MIR-126</b>
Organisation/Individual:	GH Johnston Building Consultants – John Gordon and Son

**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"/>	Previously used Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
NPF2 for Scotland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vision for the Highlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inverness and A96	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>
The A96 Corridor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phasing of Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waste Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developer Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Inverness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nairn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Business and Industrial Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tornagrain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessibility and Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smaller Settlements in A96	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caithness and North Sutherland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Subdivision of Existing Crofts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easter Ross and Nigg	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allocation of Inbye Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of Local Centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Crofting Township	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wider Countryside and Fragile Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Scale New Crofts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Population and Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coastal Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing in the Countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forestry and Woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning for an Ageing Population	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Space and Physical Activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsies/Travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to the Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments on Consultation Process (+ve)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developer Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments on Consultation Process (-ve)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Key:**

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

Any allocation around Nairn should recognise sawmill as major economic activity  
Support option to reflect Local Plan sites in updated strategy for the town

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



to recognise the sawmill as a major economic activity at its present location; the adjoining lands for commercial/business use (as indicated in the A96 Growth Corridor Development Framework and so reflect the adopted Local Plan) and the sawmill's expansion objectives; any "buffering" to avoid conflict with proposed neighbouring uses; and enable improved access via a new link from Balblair Road to the Cawdor Road. In this regard it is essential that from an environmental perspective, this link road does not pass through any new residential areas due to the volume and size of the timber related vehicles involved.

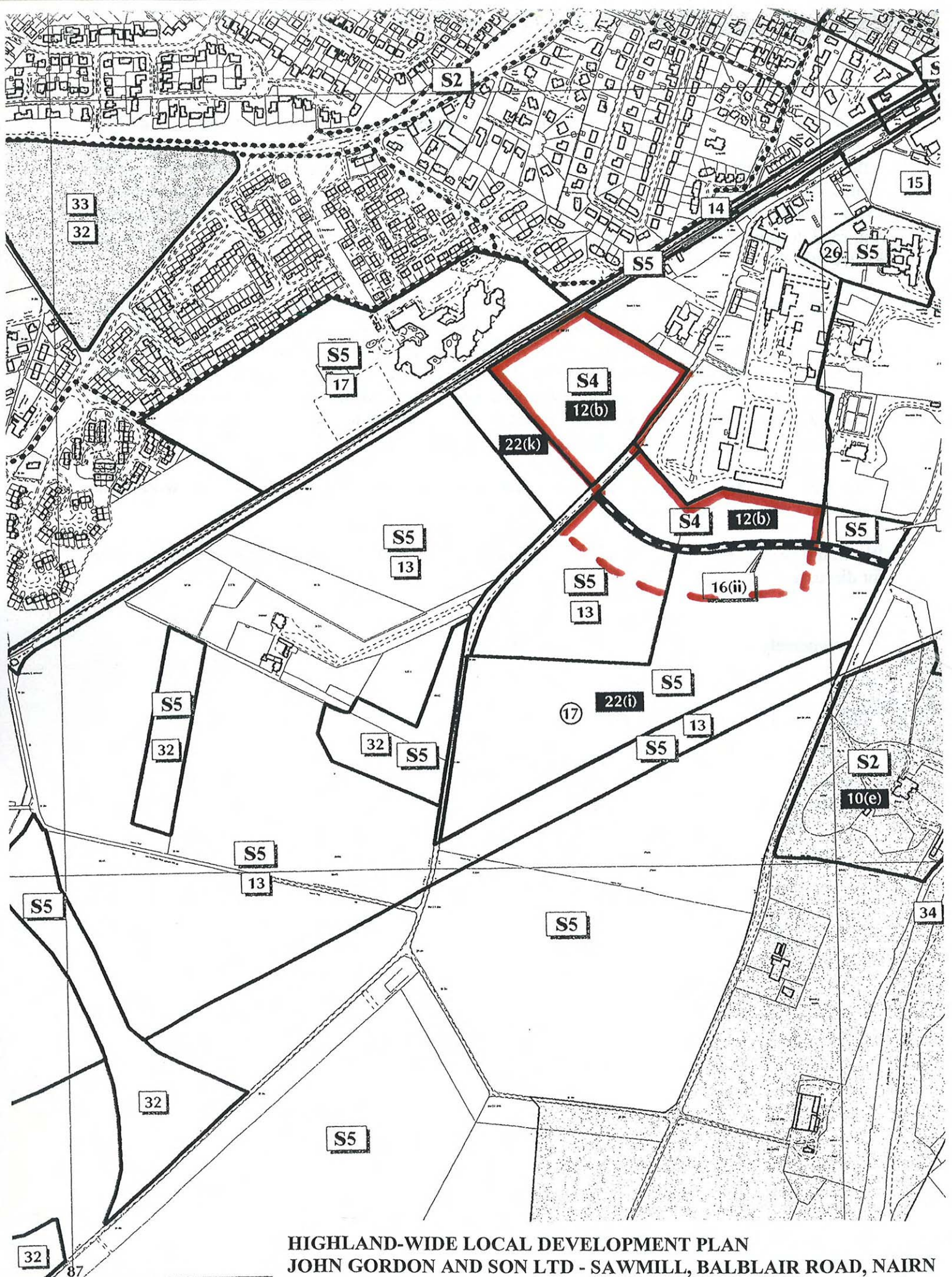
Whilst those provisions would also be desirable for other future development and community activities; we believe that the choice and extent of land (earmarked within the A96 Growth Corridor Development Framework) for expansion of Nairn would avoid any encroachment on the sawmill and its activities at this time. We would also wish to emphasise that the relocation of the business is not a tenable option because of potential land acquisition costs, major plant and machinery removal costs and disruption to production; all of which are significant in the very competitive business arena that John Gordon & Son Ltd operate in.

**With regard to Q5, we support an option that reflects the "existing Local Plan sites within the updated strategy for the town..."**

We would be grateful of the Council's consideration of the matters we raise and would be available for discussion should that be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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