

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-16
Organisation/Individual:	John Wood

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	x
Inverness and A96	x
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	
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	x
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:

Climate change (peak oil) raised as an issue – plan fails to address this fully.

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

Dawn Sutherland

From: Simon Hindson on behalf of devplans
Sent: 24 September 2009 12:53
To: Dawn Sutherland
Subject: FW: Highland Wide 'Local' Development Plan

Can you log this as a response to the Main issues Report.

I have acknowledge via email

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Keep up to date with the progress on the Highland wide Local Development Plan - <http://hwldp.blogspot.com>

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

From: John Wood [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 September 2009 12:44
To: devplans
Subject: Highland Wide 'Local' Development Plan

I would like to comment on this document which is in my view completely unsatisfactory. It completely fails to address the key issues of sustainable development, climate change or peak oil. In fact I question the whole basis of this plan and must ask you please to completely reconsider it. To give three key reasons:

First, it is a complete nonsense to call a plan 'local' if it is to cover a third of Scotland, an area larger than Belgium. At the least, a full Structure Plan should be produced for this vast area.

Second, the whole plan lacks a 21st c. vision for the area and seems stuck in 1970s thinking. It seems to revolve around creating a large urban / suburban sprawl along the A96, completely dependent on road and air transport and destroying excellent agricultural land in the process. There are very few proposals for anywhere else. This will suck people and resources out of the areas of Highland further away from Inverness, which need investment and support much more than Inverness does. In fact the key benefit of the plan seems to be to pour more money into the pockets of a few wealthy individuals at the expense of the Highlands as a whole.

Third, I am very disappointed at the failure of the plan to raise standards for energy conservation, actively promote adequate community facilities, green spaces, allotments etc., or to tackle the need for modern, efficient public transport and e-communications networks. Overall I feel that the Council has failed to take this exercise seriously enough and that the Highlands could suffer for years ahead as a result.

Please take these comments as a formal, personal response to the current public consultation

28/09/2009

process.

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