

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-211
Organisation/Individual:	Lyn Forbes

**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 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:**

Tourism needs a greater emphasis  
HWLDP should be used as an opportunity to identify everyone's priorities and aspirations

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

**Simon Hindson**

**From:** Lyn Forbes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 November 2009 08:46  
**To:** devplans  
**Subject:** Highland Wide Local Development Plan

We would like to make the following comments on the above document.

Whilst we understand the emphasis being placed on the regeneration of Nigg, and the A96 corridor, we feel it is counter productive to place so little emphasis on tourism. Tourism is and will probably remain the largest industry in the Highlands, and its most valuable asset.

The experience of visitors needs to be improved if we are to compete in the world market, and this is reinforced by feedback received by various agencies involved in tourism across Scotland and in the Highlands in particular. Local bodies such as Destination Loch Ness, have highlighted the need for developments on the south-side of Loch Ness, based on feedback from 'customer' experience', which would not only ease the congestion on the A82 (if existing roads were to be improved/kept in a better state of repair), but would boost the economy of an area that has been in decline since British Alcan closed down in the late 1960's.

We understand that public agencies are now getting around the table with the purpose of producing a Tourism Management Plan for Loch Ness, and this and other documents already in existence that cover this and other areas of the Highlands, should both influence and inform the above document and be listed under the 'Useful Documents' section. It is particularly disappointing to see that no documents relating to Tourism with the Highlands are listed, indeed they are currently conspicuous by their absence.

The Highland Wide Local Development Plan is an opportunity to identify the aspirations of visitors and people living and working in the Highlands, and match these with your own and other agencies plans for the future, whilst we appreciate that other more 'local' plans will follow, we feel it is essential that this document provides a lead on the issues relating to tourism and its impact on the economy of the Highlands.

Whilst Scotland is blessed with natural beauty, the tourist is becoming more sophisticated and seeks much more than miles and miles of scenery, and developments that would enhance their visit to Scotland should be given a higher priority than the current THREE lines on page 29 & 58 of your plan.

We hope you find the above helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Lyn & Donald Forbes

PS My husband did attend your meeting in Inverness, and we have previously sent Malcolm McLeod a copy of our own thought on development in Foyers

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