

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-10
Organisation/Individual:	Scottish Prison Service (Chris Long)

Action:

Immediate Response Required	
Meeting required with Respondent	x
Issue for Area Local Development Plan	
Further Information Required	x
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		Flooding	
Phasing of Development	x	Waste Management	
Developer Contributions		Air Quality	
East Inverness	x	Sustainable Design	
Nairn		Business and Industrial Land	
Tornagrain		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:

Meeting required to discuss proposal and its location within the East Inverness area.
Further information required on location of potential proposal for SEA purposes.

Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
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Highland Wide Local Development Plan – consultation process

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The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the report entitled 'Main Issues Report, Highland wide Local Development Plan', dated August 2009, prepared by The Highland Council.

HMP Inverness located at Porterfield in Inverness has a design capacity for 103 prisoners but is invariably running at 50% over-capacity. Such a degree of overcrowding severely impairs the ability of SPS to run a regime which assists prisoners to address offending behaviour.

The new prison, HMP Highland, will have a design capacity of 200 and will represent a considerable investment and provide additional long term employment opportunities over and above the 100 plus staff which are currently employed within the prison. The project will also provide construction jobs and other spin-off economic opportunities. Upon completion of the new-build project the transfer of operations from Porterfield to HMP Highland will allow the existing prison site, close to the centre of Inverness to become an attractive redevelopment opportunity.

The new prison will pay particular concern to the sustainability matters raised in the Main Issues Report.

Following an exhaustive search of possible sites, it appears to the SPS that the area of East Inverness would be the most appropriate site for the new prison.

The SPS would support early (2011-2016) phases of development before major infrastructure is completed.

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