

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-266
Organisation/Individual:	Golspie Community Council (Anne Ford)

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	
Inverness and A96	
The A96 Corridor	
Phasing of Development	
Developer Contributions	
East Inverness	
Nairn	
Tornagrain	
Smaller Settlements in A96	
Caithness and North Sutherland	x
Easter Ross and Nigg	
Development of Local Centres	x
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:

<p>More thought needed on the importance of Golspie Requirement for more business land to be allocated in Golspie Included comment on Coastal development strategy – passed to Coastal planning team</p>
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Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
Date:	14/12/09

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From: Anne Ford [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2009 16:33
To: devplans
Subject: HWLDP+ Coastal



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I am attaching letters of comments from Golspie Community Council for the Highland Wide Local Development Plan and the Draft Coastal Strategy. I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of these submissions. I will also be sending copies by post.

With thanks
Anne Ford
Secretary, Golspie Community Council

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25 January 2010

Dear Mr Black

Draft Coastal Strategy

Members wish to make the following comments:

- **Aims, Section 2.0:** Members support the aim to guide the sustainable development and use of Highland's coastal zone whilst safeguarding its natural and cultural heritage assets, because of the economic benefit which Golspie can derive from tourism.
- **Nature Conservation, Section 5:** Members support the proposal to work with SNH and other appropriate agencies to develop wildlife-based tourism. The attractions of Littleferry and Loch Fleet are of particular importance of to the economy of Golspie. As an example of /appropriate development there is a proposal by RSPB and the Scottish Wildlife Trust to create a bird hide on the shore of Loch Fleet. The proposed position of the hide, on the north shore would require a dangerous new access on the A9 between Golspie and The Mound. Members express serious concern about the safety of this site as it would entail visitors using an unmanned level crossing and a dangerous exit onto the A9. A hide approached through Balblair Wood from the Ferry Road, using the path and bridge recently upgraded by SNH, would be preferable. It would be safer, attract extra footfall to the existing Littleferry Nature Reserve and could be jointly publicised as part of any tourism initiative. It would also benefit Golspie economically. Fund raising for the hide requires this sort of added advantage. It would also be a good example of collaborative working if Highland Council could work with the proposers to achieve it.

We trust that these comments will be given due consideration

Yours sincerely

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Highland Wide Local Development Plan

Our members feel that the Main Issues Report provides no strategic framework for Golspie, stating only that updated local plans will be prepared. The linking of Caithness and North Sutherland (see page 23) that emphasises Dounreay and the Pentland Firth reinforces this. According to the map, Golspie is included in this area. In fact it is not geographically in north Sutherland. It is not linked to Caithness, being separated by a considerable length of the A9. Although it is economically dependent on from being remote, the needs, resources and infrastructure of Golspie and Caithness are different and deserve to be considered separately. For most purposes the Highland Council classifies the village as belonging to East Sutherland. It appears that little thought has been given to the importance of Golspie, the most populous settlement in the county. This is unsatisfactory.

A specific requirement for Golspie is to allocate land for relocation of local companies that have outgrown their current premises and have been denied permission to move onto the local Business Park because they were the 'wrong kind of business'. These include but are not necessarily limited to:

- GREAN (a community recycling company)
- Waverley Engineering
- Station Garage.

We trust that these comments will be given due consideration.

Yours sincerely

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