

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-295
Organisation/Individual:	Mr Alistair Christie

Action:

Immediate Response Required	
Meeting required with Respondent	
Issue for Area Local Development Plan	
Further Information Required	
Other (<i>Please Specify</i>)	

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		Waste Management	
Developer Contributions		Air Quality	
East Inverness		Sustainable Design	
Nairn		Business and Industrial Land	
Tornagrain		Accessibility and Transport	x
Smaller Settlements in A96		Agricultural Land	
Caithness and North Sutherland	x	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:

Jobs to replace Dounreay will be a priority
 Transport links badly need upgrading
 Public transport needs improvement
 Railway link to Dornoch would be of great benefit to the North

Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
Date:	14/12/09

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 5th Nov 2009.

Director of Planning & Development
 The Highland Council
 Inverness.

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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed my response to the Highland Wide Local Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely
 Alastair C. Christie

PS This response was faxed to you on the 5th November from the service point in Thurso but apparently it did not reach you.

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Response to Highland Water Development Plan
Good news today. A new ice rink is to be built in the North. My daughter asked for this for Thurso in the past. However it seems we will have to share it with Dornoch. It may be sited there.

Jobs to replace Dounreay will be a priority. It was suggested that Dounreay would be used as a dump for submarine nuclear waste. If it is decided Dounreay is the place for it we should get nuclear work in exchange for agreeing to have it here. Otherwise no deal.

Transport links to Caithness badly need upgrading. Berrisdale bypass are a big stumbling block to firms wanting to set up in Caithness. Berrisdale Estate had a solution to the Braes problem. Could this solution be implemented as soon as possible? Has the solution been examined to see if it is viable?

It is a shame that the North Coast Road the A838 was never completely upgraded. The road along the West side of Loch Eriboll is pretty shocking and needs immediate attention. The A99 in Caithness one of the worst roads in Scotland also needs to be straightened out. I agree the A82 Loch Ness road also needs attention.

The Esher at Danoch is almost ignored as a tourist attraction which is unfortunate. This is a ~~world~~ world class feature and should be fully promoted.

Cairness & Sutherland are very attractive counties but without industry it is difficult to get by. Here are the mountains to the North West which are spectacular, and to the South East, Loch Fleet and superb scenery.

The local buses services in Thurso and Wick have improved greatly in recent years. Elderly people are able to get around the towns easily during the day. The buses are much appreciated.

Some things need to be changed. For instance one bakers shop was selling cakes for a long period which were contaminated with nicotine. This was denied by the management but changes did not happen. I stopped buying from the shop. Does it still happen? I don't know.

Another instance was a local pub whose manager was unable to sterilise the pint glasses. One glass I was given smelt of vomit. I no longer frequent these establishments thankfully.

The Railway link to the South from

Thurso and Wick is a bad operation. The train has to make a detour via Lairg vastly increasing the journey time to Inverness. A pressure group led by Ken Sutherland have promoted the building of a Dornoch Railway Bridge which would be of great benefit to us in the Far North. If the exploitation of the Pentland Firth for energy goes ahead we will need good transport links with the South.

Yours Sincerely