

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

Reference Number:	HWLDP-MIR-116
Organisation/Individual:	Forestry Commission Scotland (John Risby)

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	
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	x
Flooding	
Waste Management	
Air Quality	
Sustainable Design	x
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:

Biomass for heating could play a significant role
 Timber has a key role to play in sustainable design
 Mention should be made of the contribution to the timber processing industry

Action Sheet Completed by:	SH
Date:	9/12/09



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Your Ref: HWLDP - MIR

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Neach Dion Arainneachd
John Risby

Dear Mr Black

Highland Wide Local Development Plan Main Issues Report

I am replying in response to the consultation on the above Main Issues Report. My apologies for the lateness in response.

We would make the following comments:-

Sustainable Development and Climate Change

Renewable Energy: We believe that with so much off-mains gas in Highland, biomass for heating has a significant role to play in achieving renewable energy targets.

Sustainable Design

We welcome the commitment to put in place supplementary guidance on sustainable design and will continue to support the council in its preparation. We believe timber has a key role to play in such design.

A Competitive, Sustainable and Adaptable Highland Economy

Transport

We support the aim of improving freight transport identified in the Local Transport Strategy and hope that the work of the Highland Timber Transport Group will continue to be supported.



Forestry and Woodland

We would suggest mention is made of the significant timber processing industry, planned investment in such processing and the rapidly developing biomass industry.

We welcome the proposed link to the Highland Forest and Woodland Strategy and proposed interim revision. We would be happy to assist with this and in particular would point the Council to the recently published Scottish Government Rationale for Woodland Expansion.

Yours sincerely

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John Risby
Conservator