

From: West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan
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Your personal and contact details

1.1 Name *

1.2 Are you? * a member of the public
a community or other organisation

1.4 Name of Organisation (if applicable) Plockton Harbour CIC, Carpark Project.

Select a topic to comment on Suggest sites for development

Development Extension of main car park from Bank Street, Plockton.

Site 1

2.1 Address / Description of Site

2.3 Location Plan (please attach)



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2.4 Suggested Use/s Additional facilities for fishermen

2.8 How will you or the developer of the site resolve any issues selected in question 2.7?

Reasons for suggestion-

The site that the CIC has identified as suitable for the fishermen is on Crown Estate land to the West of the main car park. The CIC has already approached the CE and they have agreed in principle to the project as has The Highland Council. , Plockton Community Council and The National Trust of Scotland .The extension of the car park would also allow for storage of visitor trailers which can occupy up to 12 places in the car park during the summer months. It is

also hoped that if funding can be secured it will allow for a building to house a winch /sheltered work area with classroom facility's above.

This would extend out from Bank street level on to the carpark with a structurally reinforced turfed roof so as to be unobtrusive and provide a seating area / view point.

As you can observe from the above Plockton Harbour CIC has and continues to play an integral part of village life to the benefit of the whole community .

At present there are six fishing boats working out off the village of Plockton. There are thirteen fishermen working on the boats and twenty dependants within their respective family's .The fishermen do not have onshore facilities at present.

We desperately require facilities for the fisherfolk of Plockton with a fit for purpose slip and sheltered work area and trust you appreciate the need for this project to be included in the WH&LDP.

4.1 How do you want the West Highland and Islands area to change over the next 10–20 years?

Plockton

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The Plockton Harbour CIC has given considerable consideration (some six years) as to which land may be available for the fishermen within the village and also where it would have the least visual impact. It was also felt that before we could embark on this project the CIC would have to establish a proven track record.

I hope you will agree that a National Trust of Scotland "Outstanding Conservation Village" such as Plockton should have access to public toilets! And like wise that a crofting / fishing village should have onshore facility's for fishermen .

4.2 What do you think are the best, existing assets and characteristics of the area? Think of your favourite landscapes, settlements, journeys, events and meeting places.

To date the CIC has provided:

15 visitor moorings which are in great demand and full to capacity in the summer months .

Two pontoons, one in partnership with Plockton community council. These provide dry step ashore landing stages for locals and visitors alike also berths for small day boats. All berths are full to capacity and used by the older generation in the village allowing them to continue their love of the sea, the oldest being Alistair Bremner at an age of ninety seven.

The CIC has also contributed each year, for the past ten years, towards the salary of the village officer in total it amounts to over £10,000. The CIC has also donated to Highland Hospice, RNLI, Annual firework display etc as well as supplying a support vessel for the Plockton Small Boat Sailing Club.

The toilet block at the car park was closed by the council approximately four years past and it remained closed for a year ! This was felt by the community to be an untenable situation especially as Plockton is such a popular place to visit with regular coach and touring parties swelling the visitor numbers. The Plockton Harbour CIC approached the Highland council with a proposal to purchase the toilet block and refurbish to an acceptable standard. This was duly carried out at the sole expense of the CIC. It has been a resounding success for all concerned with the CIC now employing a daily part time cleaner for the toilet block during the summer season.

4.4 How can these assets and characteristics best be safeguarded, improved or used to provide economic or community growth? Plockton is an outstanding conservation village and deserves access to appropriate facilities for fishermen and crofting.