

## **Responses to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Authority comments to the Revised Environmental Report Addendum**

### **Introduction**

This report is intended to set out the responses to the Revised Environmental Report Addendum which accompanied the Caithness and Sutherland Modified Proposed Local Development Plan and how the comments will be taken on board by the Planning Authority.

### **Next Steps**

Following examination of the Local Development Plan any factual errors in the Environmental Report will be corrected. Following adoption of the Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan by The Highland Council, a Post Adoption Statement will be produced and published in due course.

### **Response by Consultation Authority:**

#### **Historic Environment Scotland**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Planning Authority Response</b>
<p>Thank you for your consultation which we received on 29 September about the above and its Environmental Report (ER). We have reviewed these documents in relation to our main area of interest for the historic environment. The first part of this response relates to the modified plan, with part two focusing upon its environmental assessment.</p> <p><b>Part 1: Modified Proposed Plan</b></p> <p>The modifications to the proposed plan in Thurso are noted and we can confirm that we have no comments to offer regarding the removal of these sites from the proposed plan.</p> <p><b>Part 2: Environmental Report</b></p> <p>We welcome the clarity provided regarding the list of amendments to be made to the finalised Environmental Report. We are content with the approach proposed and therefore have no further comments to offer.</p> <p>None of the comments contained in this letter constitute a legal interpretation of the requirements of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. They are intended rather as helpful advice, as part of our commitment to capacity-building in SEA.</p>	Noted.

#### **SNH**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Planning Authority Response</b>
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed updates to the Environmental Report that accompanies the proposed Caithness &amp; Sutherland LDP. As</p>	Noted.

the proposed updates reflect the revisions required in the LDP, we do not have any comments to make on the updates.	
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## SEPA

Comment	Planning Authority Response
<p>Thank you for your Addendum Environmental Report (ER) consultation submitted under the above Act in respect of the Caithness and Sutherland Modified Proposed Plan. This was received by SEPA via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 29 September 2016.</p> <p>We thank you for providing an update regarding the proposed modifications to the Proposed Plan and how these will be addressed in the finalised ER. We can confirm that we do not consider that the modifications will have significant effects in relation to our interests and that we are content with the approach you intend to take.</p>	Noted.