



THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (“CaSPlan”) PUBLICATION OF MAIN ISSUES REPORT FOR CONSULTATION

The Highland Council is preparing a new Local Development Plan for Caithness and Sutherland, to be known as CaSPlan. It will be an important document because it will be used to assess planning applications for future development, so will affect how places grow and change over time, and will replace the Caithness Local Plan and the Sutherland Local Plan. To start the process of preparing the new Plan we have prepared and published a document called a Main Issues Report (MIR). The MIR is not a draft plan – it is a discussion document that asks for people’s views on the main issues affecting Caithness and Sutherland and shows ideas for what the area could be like in the future. It reflects the Council’s initial ideas and preferences, taking into account the suggestions we received at earlier stages. Any person wishing to do so may make representations on the content of the MIR, and we do encourage people to tell us what they think at this stage. Your input now will shape what the Proposed Plan looks like.

For most people the easiest way to read the MIR will be to view it online at www.highland.gov.uk/casplan. You can then submit comments using the online form. Anyone without access to the website can view a paper copy of the MIR, which is available for inspection free of charge and during normal opening hours at: each Highland Council Service Point and Public Library (including mobile library) within the plan area plus those at Tain, at Planning & Building Standards offices in Golspie and Wick, and at Council Headquarters in Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX. **Any comments on the MIR need to be received by us no later than 12 noon on Thursday 29th January 2015.**

If you have questions you can email the Development Plans Team at casplan@highland.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the website or a computer, you can contact the Development Plans Team, Development and Infrastructure Service, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX or the Council’s Service Centre on 01349 886608 with any questions about the MIR or for advice on how to submit your comments.

We will also be holding the following events across Caithness and Sutherland where you can discuss the MIR with a member of the team. At each event we will have with us MIR information for various local towns and villages, not just for the place where the event is being held. For each event there will be **a drop-in session which you can visit any time between 2 and 5.30 pm**, then **a round-table discussion workshop which starts at 6.30 pm**. You are welcome to attend either or both parts of the event and, if you wish, more than one event. Please let us know if you have any accessibility issues such as the need for disabled access to a venue or if you would like to request a large print copy of the Plan.

Place	Venue	Date
THURSO	Caithness Horizons, High Street	Tuesday 18 November 2014
HALKIRK	Ross Institute, Bridge Street	Tuesday 25 November 2014
WICK	Town Hall, Bridge Street	Wednesday 26 November 2014
TONGUE	Village Hall, Kirkiboll	Thursday 27 November 2014
BRORA	Community Centre, Johnstone Place	Tuesday 2 December 2014
DORNOCH	Social Club, School Hill	Thursday 4 December 2014
LOCHINVER	Assynt Leisure Centre, Culag Pier	Monday 8 December 2014
LAIRG	Community Centre, Main Street	Tuesday 9 December 2014

CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CaSPlan) – MAIN ISSUES REPORT PUBLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR CONSULTATION

The Highland Council has prepared an Environmental Report for the Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan). The document, together with the CaSPlan Main Issues Report, is available to view online at www.highland.gov.uk/casplan and also to view free of charge and during normal opening hours at Council Headquarters, Inverness and at Planning & Building Standards offices in Golspie and Wick, from 30th October 2014 for a period of 13 weeks. During this time expressions of opinion on the content of the Environmental Report are welcomed and can be made in writing by e-mail to casplan@highland.gov.uk or by letter to Development Plans Team, Development and Infrastructure, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX. **Any such comments on the Environmental Report need to be received by us no later than 12 noon on Thursday 29th January 2015.**

If you have questions about the Environmental Report or wish to obtain a copy of the documents you can email the Development Plans Team at casplan@highland.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the website or a computer, you can contact the Development Plans Team, Development and Infrastructure Service, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX or the Council’s Service Centre on 01349 886608.

The above notice is provided in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 and The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

30 October 2014