

A96 Corridor Masterplan – Newsletter

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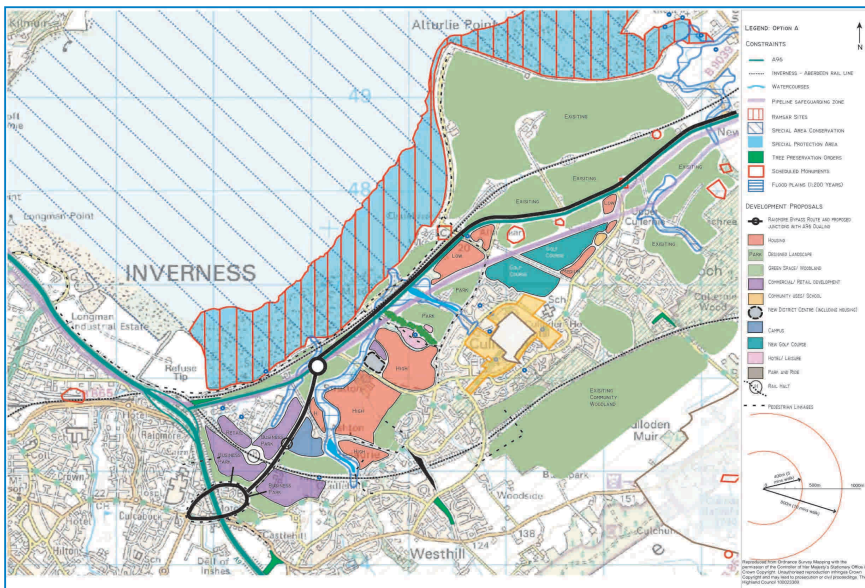
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Framework Options

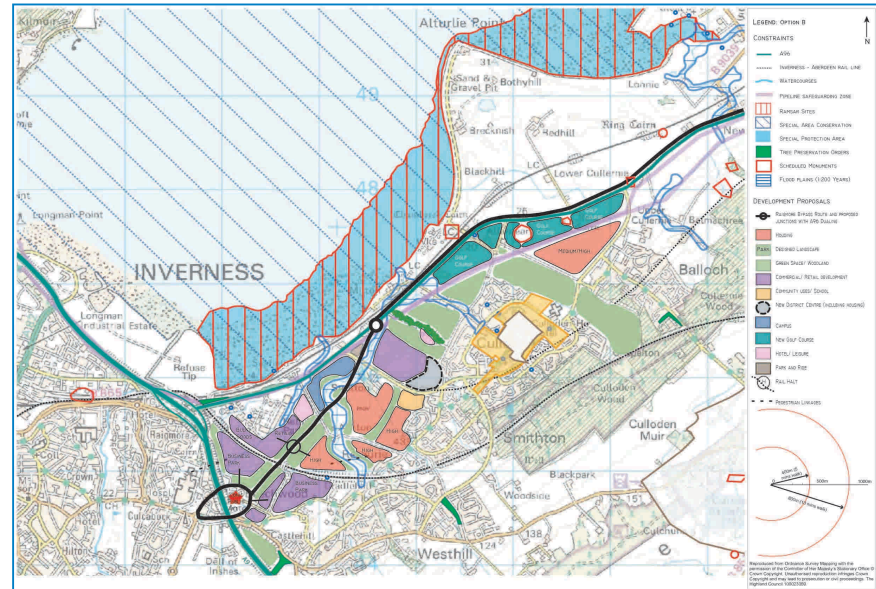
The following options for Inverness East and Nairn South were considered by the appropriate committees of The Highland Council in late July and August.

Option A
Key Outputs:

- * 3,650 homes
- * 7,600 people
- * 5,000 new jobs
- * 25 hectares of parkland (excluding golf)



Inverness East



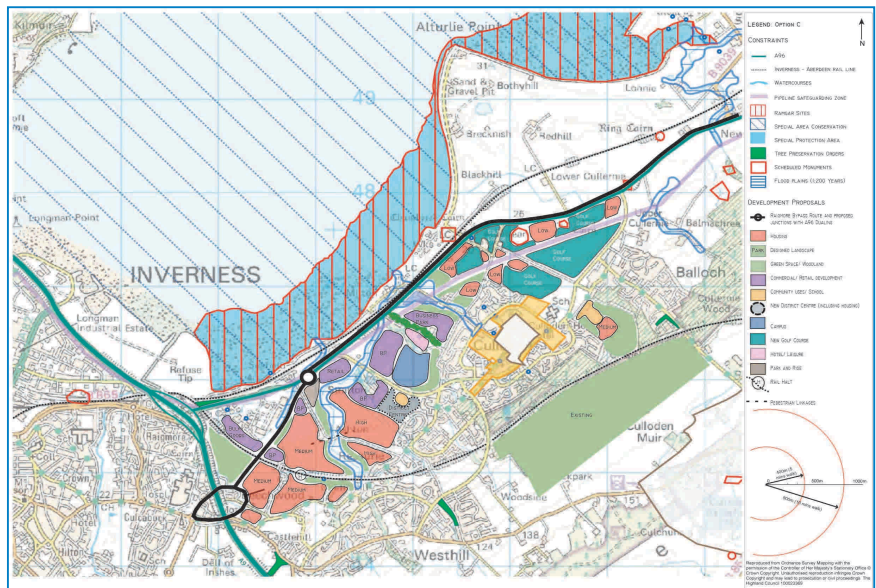
Option B
Key Outputs:

- * 2,600 homes
- * 5,500 people
- * 6,000 new jobs
- * 25 hectares of parkland (excluding golf)

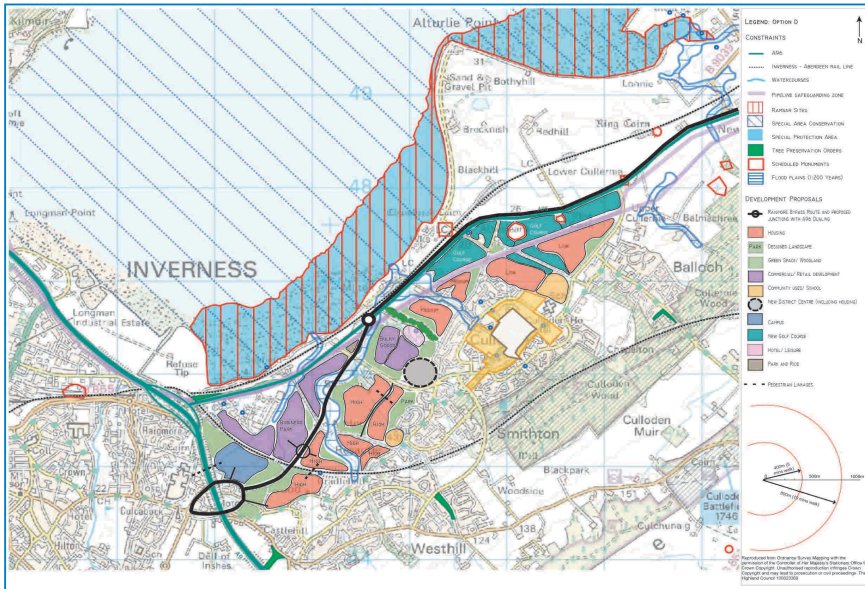


Option C
Key Outputs:

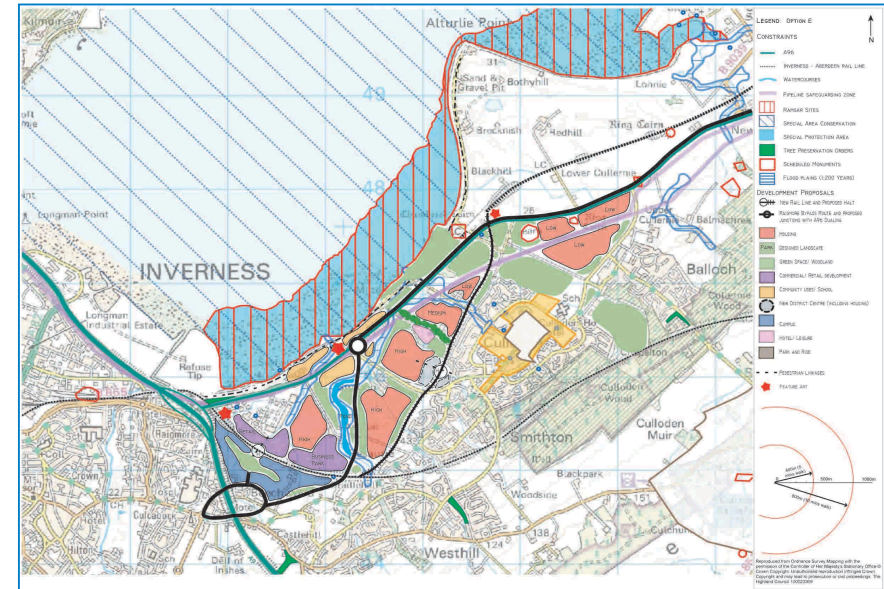
- * 2,350 homes
- * 5,000 people
- * 6,200 new jobs
- * 25 hectares of parkland (excluding golf)



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Inverness East



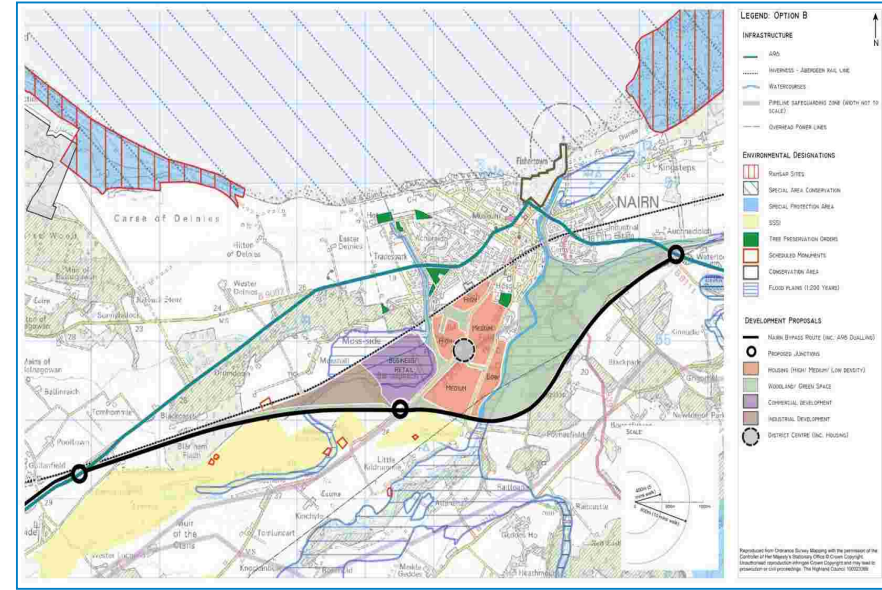
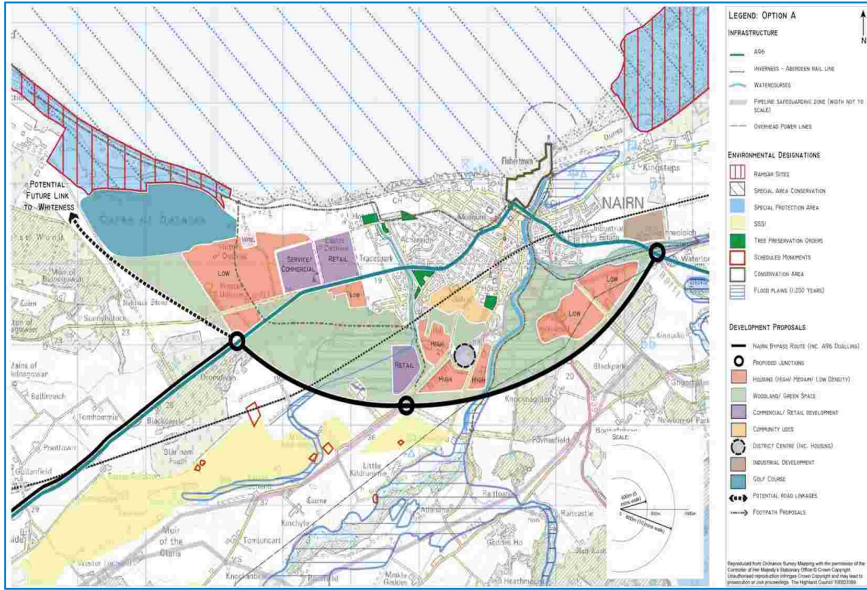
Option D
Key Outputs:
* 2,700 homes
* 5,700 people
* 2,800 new jobs
* 8 hectares of parkland (excluding golf)

Option E
Key Outputs:
* 2,550 homes
* 5,400 people
* 1,750 new jobs
* 20 hectares of parkland

Full details of these options can be found on the consultants' interim report on <http://www.highland.gov.uk/businessinformation/economicdevelopment/regeneration/A96+Corridor.htm>

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Nairn South

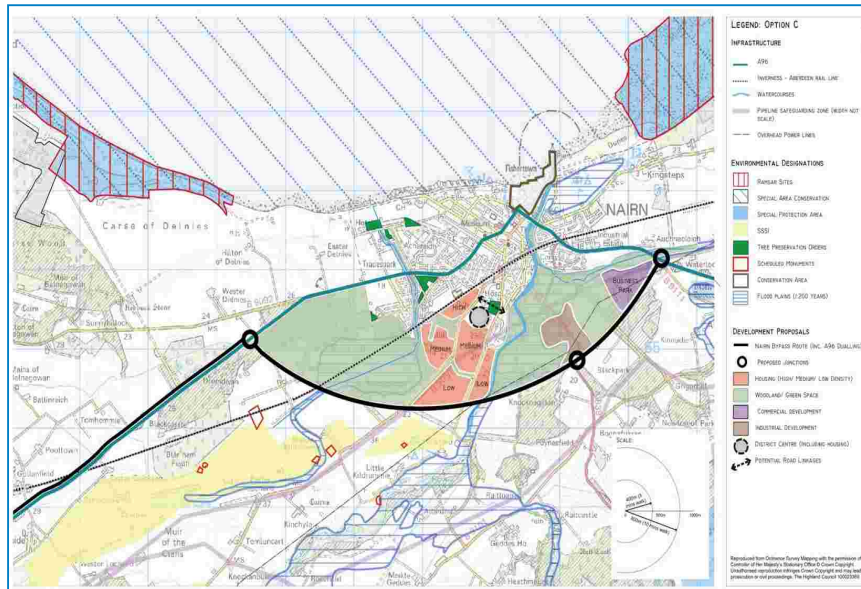


Option A
Key Outputs:

- * 3,750 homes
- * 7,850 people
- * 3,000 new jobs
- * 40 hectares of parkland (excluding golf)

Option B
Key Outputs:

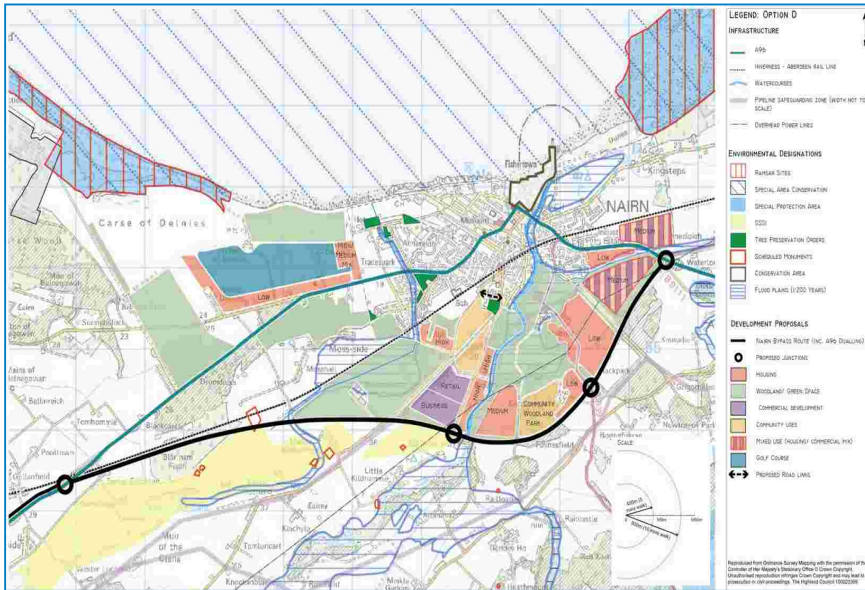
- * 2,650 homes
- * 5,550 people
- * 4,000 new jobs
- * 25 hectares of parkland



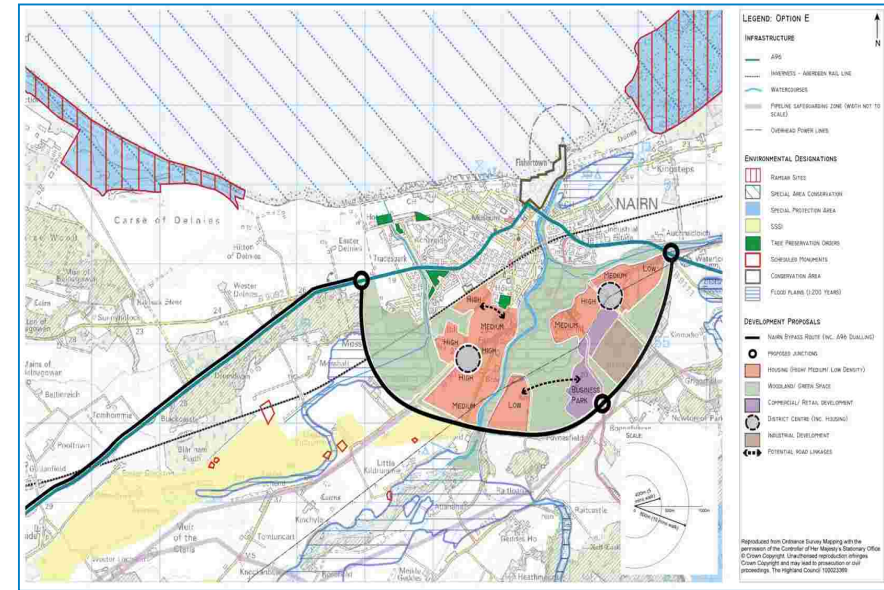
Option C
Key Outputs:

- * 1,600 homes
- * 3,400 people
- * 2,500 new jobs
- * 15 hectares of parkland

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Nairn South



Option D
Key Outputs:
* 3,600 homes
* 7,550 people
* 2,500 new jobs
* 50 hectares of parkland (excluding golf)



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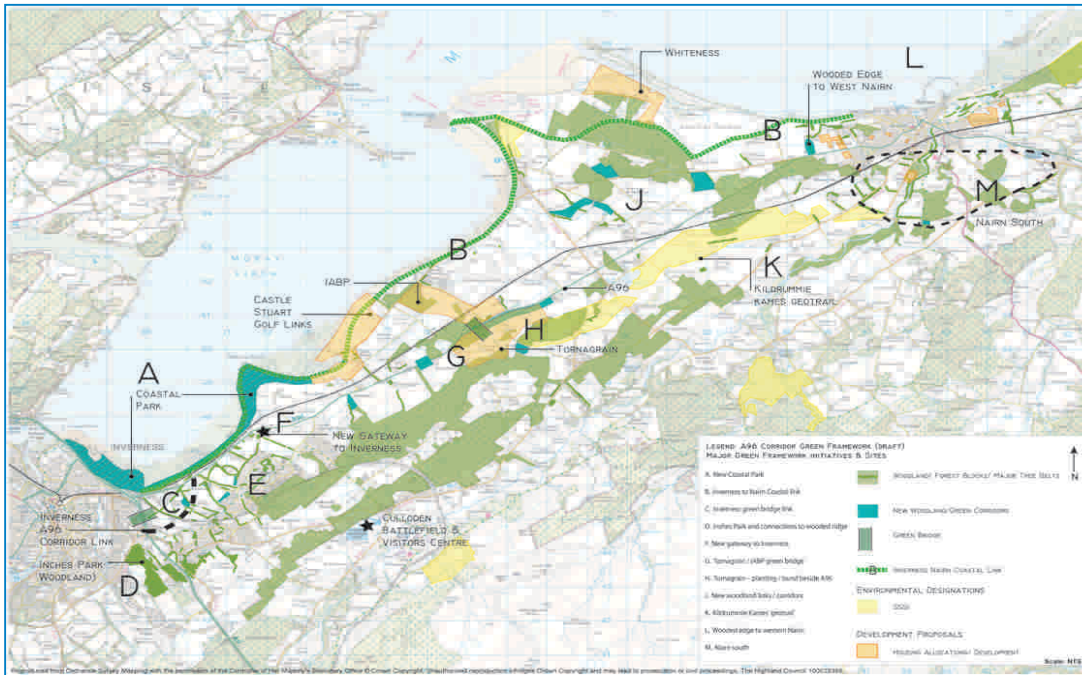
Option E
Key Outputs:
* 5,000 homes
* 10,500 people
* 3,000 new jobs
* 40 hectares of parkland

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Green Framework

A draft Green Framework for the Corridor as a whole has also been prepared. This includes the following proposals:

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| A. | Coastal park | G. | Tornagraim green bridge across the A96 |
| B. | Coastal link | H. | Green Tornagraim |
| C. | Green bridge across the A9 | J. | New woodland |
| D. | Inshes park | K. | Kildrummie geotrail |
| E. | Green East Inverness | L. | Nairn West wood |
| F. | Inverness gateway | M. | Green Nairn South |



These proposals are supported by initiatives to promote pedestrian and cycle access.

Again, full details can be found in the interim report at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/businessinformation/economicdevelopment/regeneration/A96+Corridor.htm>.

Consultation

Community views on these options and the draft Green Framework will be sought by The Highland Council. Opportunities to submit comments have been advertised in the local press and at key community locations across the A96 Corridor.

Further, staffed exhibitions are to take place at Inshes Church on 11 September, Culloden Library on 13 September and Nairn Community Centre on 14 September.

Comments are actively encouraged and these have to be submitted by 25 September 2006. These will be considered in developing finalised proposals.

Next Steps

In parallel with consultation, Halcrow will be undertaking further stakeholder engagement through Collaboration for Success sessions on 20 September for Nairn South and 21 September for East Inverness. Further details can be obtained by emailing A96corridor@halcrow.com.

In addition, the Framework Planning Groups (see Newsletter 1) are considering the options during September.

Technical considerations are on-going in relation to:

- * Service provision (e.g. schools, community services, health and leisure).
- * Commercial viability.
- * Deliverability.
- * Planning (including viable placemaking, transport & access, drainage, land use, landscape and natural environment).

These considerations will allow finalised frameworks and a green framework to be prepared for the beginning of October.