
From: West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan
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1.4 Name of The Glendale Trust

Organisation

(if
applicable)

Select a Tell us your vision for the area
topic to
comment on

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

It must meet the needs of the residents and sustainably grow to protect its valuable landscape. This can only be achieved through sustainable managed growth. Local development plans are key to ensuring delivery of these requirements and must demonstrate very detailed public consultation at a local level. By carrying out detailed public consultation at a local level, through needs appraisals etc the HC can identify key local issues and consider job creation, affordable housing, population retention and growth, improved services etc. This is the only way to create an accurate vision of what is the current situation and what vision is for the area. It will also allow the HC to measure the current provisions against what is delivered in 5 – 10 years and therefore illustrated the positive impact of delivering the plan.

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.

The many community organisations that strive to ensure development of the area based on community needs are key assets and should be involved directly at every level. Often these are community based charities and development trusts who have a key understanding of the needs of the local area. They are often far more in tune and proactive than the traditional community councils. This are significant and key assets in the area. There are many natural assets which should be protected and managed such as inshore areas for fishing and wild land for conservation. These must be managed however to best address the sustainable needs of the location. Improvements to infrastructure to areas like Skye and in particular the area of Glendale which is second only to Edinburgh Castle for tourists visits per year should be managed and maintained in order to support this valuable economic revenue stream.

4.3 Attach
any
photographs
to help show



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us what you
mean.

4.4 How can these assets and characteristics best be safeguarded, improved or used to provide economic or community growth?

In particular the considerations of the Local Community as an absolute minimum be followed. Only by achieving this will the HC be able to protect and deliver sustainable community growth. The Glendale area has already published a detailed growth plan for the local area and this should be the basis of any wider development plan as an absolute must. The local plans should therefore be supported by the Highland Council and more local plans encouraged. A copy of the plan is attached and huge progress has been made to deliver the projects in this plan. Moving forward the wider area plan should work to incorporate this and any other local development plans in order they are supported by mutually beneficial development of infrastructure, services etc.