

**From:** West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan  
**Subject:** FW: West Highland and Islands Local Development Plan [#353]

**Section 1: Your personal and contact details** Duncan MacInnes

**1.1 Name \***

**1.2 Are you? \*** a member of the public

**Development Site 1** Linking Armadale and Ardvassar, Sleat, Skye

**2.1 Address / Description of Site**

**2.2 Landowner's Name (if known)** Clan Donald Lands Trust

**2.4 Suggested Use/s** Inevitable and necessary well planned development from Garage/Post Office in Armadale to shop in Ardvassar. This is a sensible and obvious area for potential development which needs careful planning from the outset.

**2.5 Site Area (ha) (if known)** ?

**2.6 How soon can the site be developed?** 5–10 years

**2.7 Select any issues you are aware of that may affect development on the site** Road access

**2.8 How will you or the developer of the site resolve any issues selected in question 2.7?** Main road A 851 (?) between junction and Ardvassar need upgrade.

**Protection Site 1** From Armadale to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig A851

**3.1 Address / Description of Land**

**3.2 Landowner's name (if known)** Clan Donald Lands Trust and various private

**3.4 Why should the land be protected?** In the last review this was designated as 'green belt' and should remain so. The woodland is tall and fragile and any disturbance will have a wide-spread effect as it is suffering from gales and wind-blows.

**Protection Site 2** Any current open land in East Sleat

**3.5 Address / Description of Land**

**3.6 Landowner's name (if known)** Fearann Eilean Iarmain, Clan Donald Lands Trust

**3.8 Why should the land be protected?** I believe housing should be within the existing Kilbeag proposals or within existing Crofting townships. As a crofter I find them strong

suggestions that in-bye croft land should be sacrosanct against new housing to be unrealistic. Better use will be made of land through gardened houses in the worse in-bye land, than the current overwhelming under-use of wider in-bye croft land.

The suggestion that housing be concentrated on Common Grazing is not relevant to East Sleat as there little or is no Common Grazing adjacent to any road.

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

Better low cost housing, better roads, and public transport integration.

**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 people and communities, particularly those more self-reliant and self-motivating communities with vibrant Community councils and Community Trusts.

I am particularly supportive of the need for the recognition of Community cultural activities as a mainstay of a vibrant community, with the benefits to community sense of place, well-being and happiness. Place cultural and arts development in all its forms at the centre of planning.

**4.3 Attach any photographs to help show us what you mean.**



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

Stop using cultural activity and volunteer social support communities as the first port of call for any budget reductions. Understand the vast economic value, in social, health and cultural tourism terms, of a vibrant cultural community.

**6.1 Name of Special Landscape Area**

Loch Eishort and Loch Slapin

**6.2 Tell us whether this special landscape area should stay the same or how it should be expanded / contracted. Please provide reasons for your choice.**

These two lochs in SW Skye should be within a special landscape area. They provide the foreground for the best landscapes that include the Cuillins, for Corfting landscapes such as Tarskavaig and historical landscapes such as Borreraig and Suisnish. These of two of the almost only lochs in the Hebrides that are unsullied by fish-farms and should remain that way for landscape and environmental reasons.