

West Highland and Islands Local Development Plan Call for Sites Submission – The Isle of Rum Community Trust (IRCT)

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The Isle of Rum Community Trust's submission to the Call for Sites is the finalised draft of a Community Land Use Plan for land in the Trust's ownership. The plan also considers how that land can be integrated with land on the island in the ownership of Scottish Natural Heritage.

IRCT would like this Community Land Use Plan to be adopted as Supplementary Guidance within the West Highland and Island Local Development Plan.

As requested by The Highland Council a settlement boundary of the land which the plan refers to is included within the finalised draft of the plan.

The Highland Council has asked that included within the submission are IRCT's suggested amendments to the Development Principles for Rum as included in the adopted West Highland and Islands Local Plan.

IRCT's proposed amendments are given below:

Proposed amendments:

- To embrace development aspirations of the community as outlined in the Community Land Use Plan.
- To secure exceptional siting and design quality of new development.
- To protect the SPA, SAC, Category A Listed Building, Designed Landscape, Scheduled Monument, NNR and SSSI features within the settlement.
- To safeguard woodland of amenity and nature conservation value, and to promote re-planting and active woodland management.
- To secure infrastructure improvements where a network deficiency is created or worsened.
- To protect the integrity of and secure exceptional siting and design within the NSA.
- To secure a collective, master planned, community-led development of the village and wider settlement area.

IRCT will be pleased to engage in further discussion about this matter.