

A96 CORRIDOR WORKSHOP



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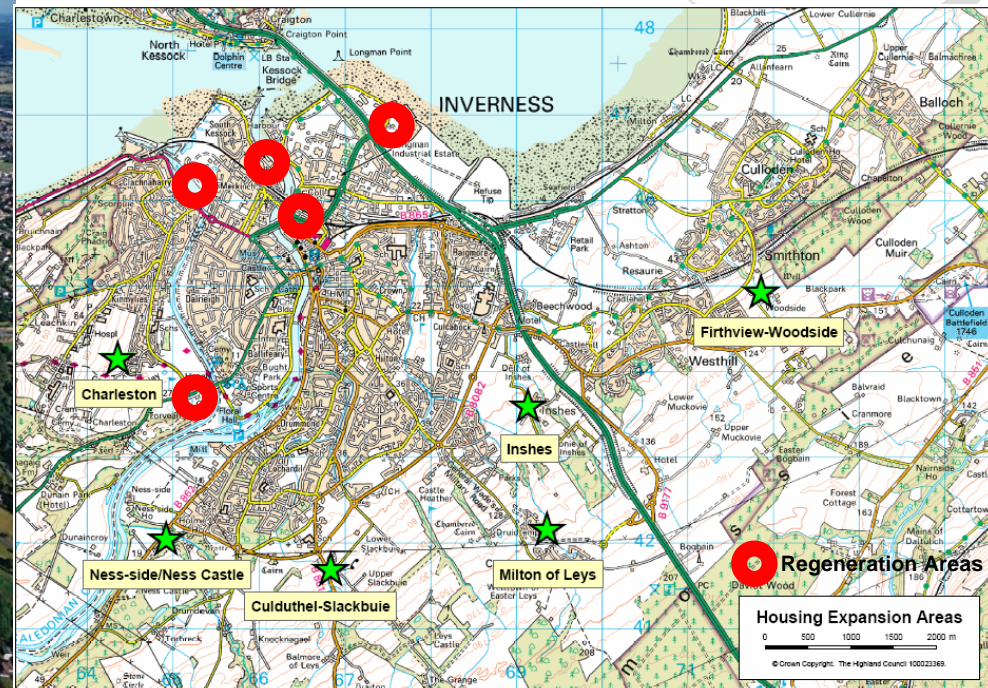
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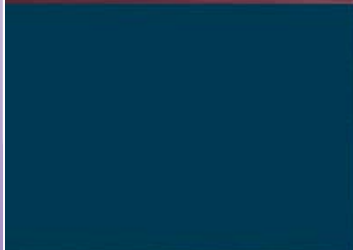
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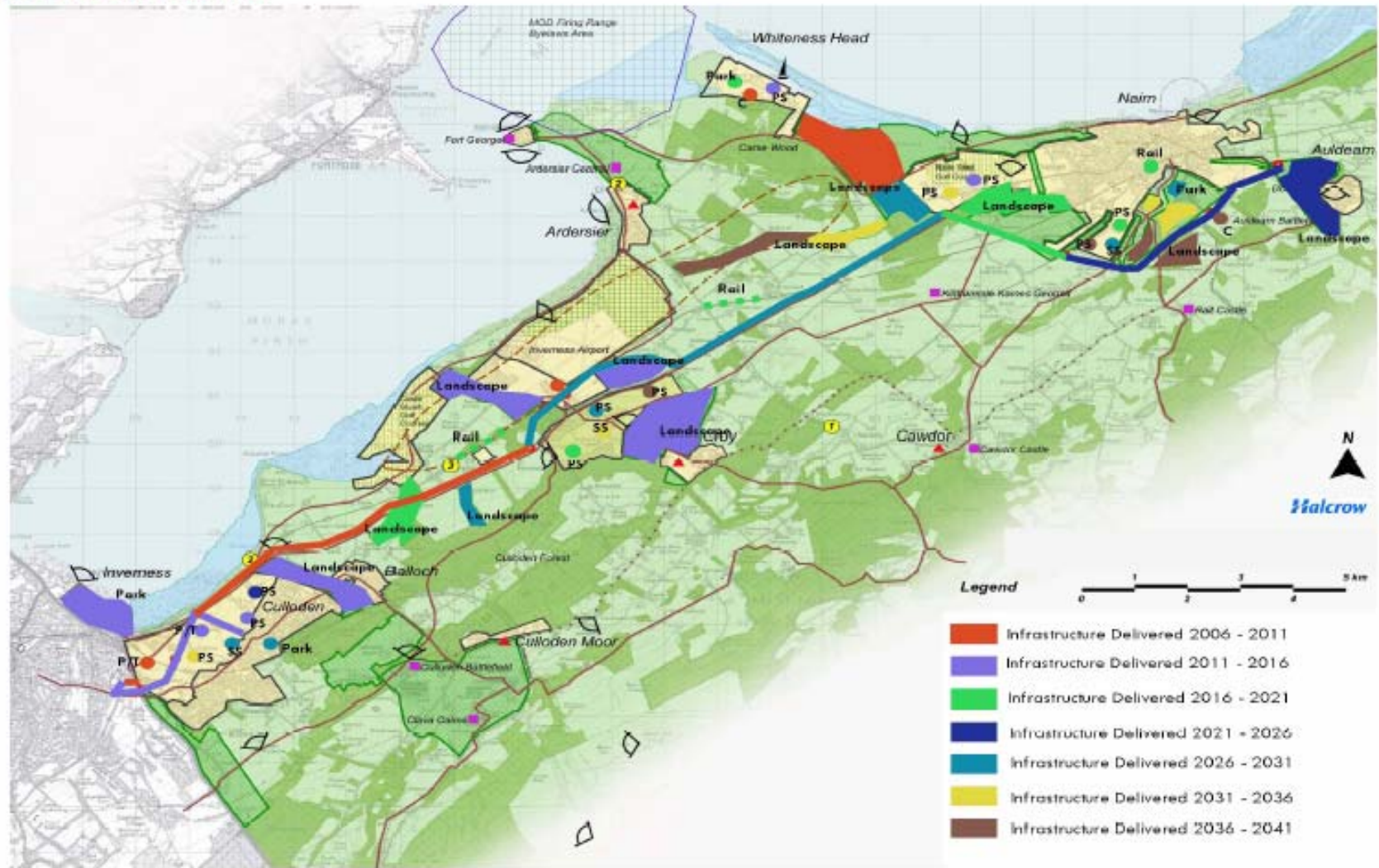
THE A96 GROWTH CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Creating distinctive
green Highland places



SECTION 8 - DELIVERY

INFRASTRUCTURE PHASING DIAGRAM



CONTEXT

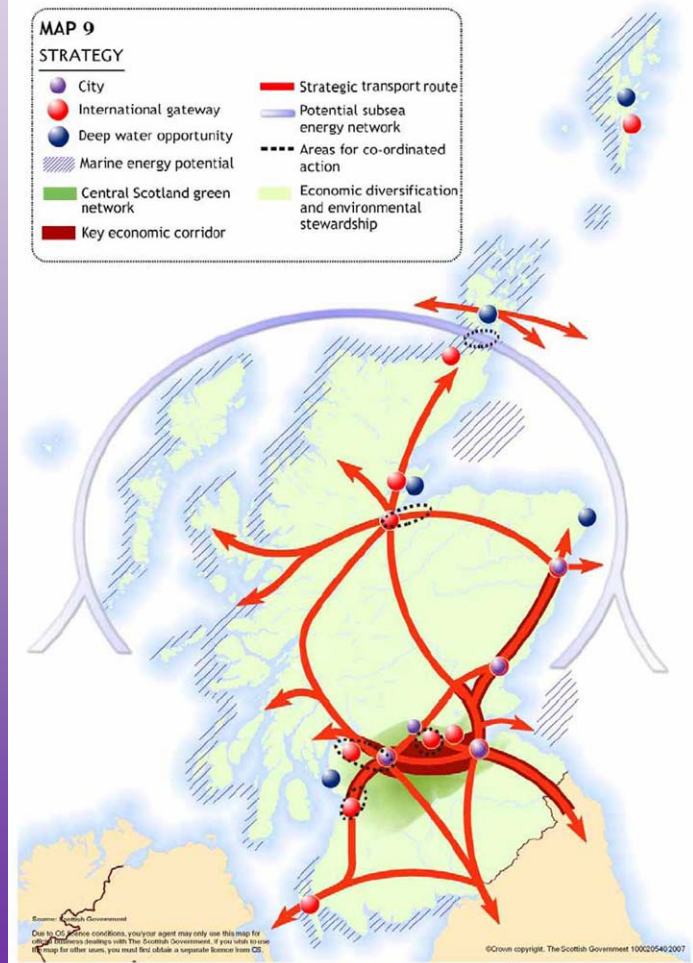


Committee agreed that:

- (i) the content of the final A96 Corridor Framework (Appendix 2) to be issued as interim guidance, pending (iv) below;

- (iv) that the finalised Framework be fed into the preparation of the Highland wide Local Development Plan, to be prepared over the coming years in line with the Development Plan Scheme;

PROGRESS



- **National Planning Framework 2**
- **Strategic Transport Projects Review**

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PROGRESS



- Highland Development Plan Scheme
- Liaison with Scottish Water, SEPA, SNH, Transport Scotland
- Discussions with Community Councils and other community groups
- Submission of planning applications across the corridor – not to be determined before the Proposed Plan is in place

NEXT STEPS – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



March 2009

Development Plan Scheme



August 2009

Main Issues Report



End 2009

Proposed Plan

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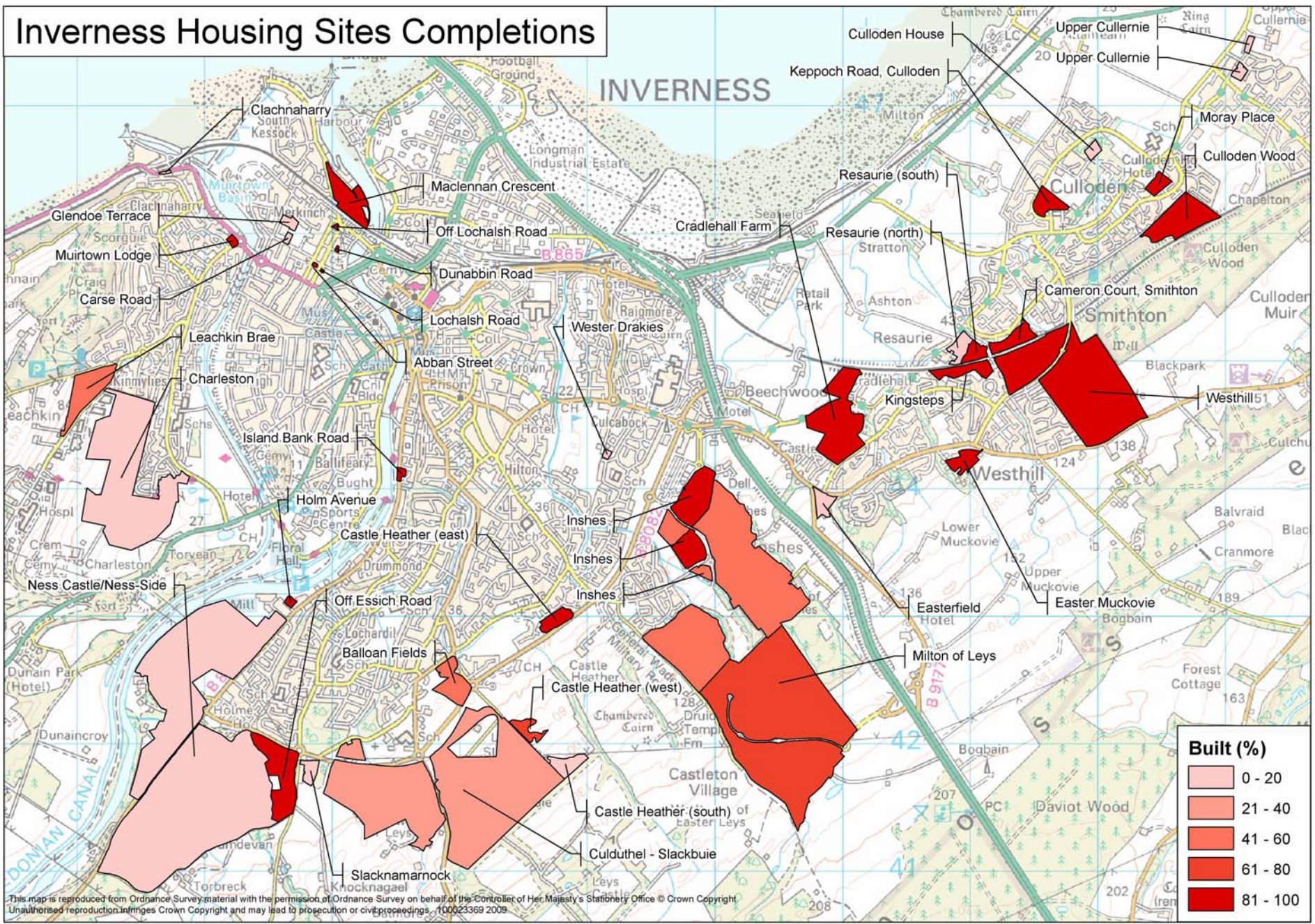


Main Issues Report

“Identify the main issues that the plan needs to address...should seek to address the issues where the Council is genuinely seeking help in finding the best way forward.”

“consideration must be given to accessibility and simplicity in order to draw out the most useful responses from the public and partner organisations”

Inverness Housing Sites Completions



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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



- **Main Issues Report:**
 - Review of development phasing
 - What are “reasonable alternatives” in the A96 Corridor?
 - What can realistically take place where, when?
 - Confirmation of principle of Developer Contributions
- **Proposed Plan:**
 - Detailed agreed phasing
 - Broad corridors for A96 upgrades
 - Confirmation of design programming

NEXT STEPS – DEALING WITH CURRENT PROPOSALS



- Discussion with Scottish Government on the action programme which will accompany the finalised National Planning Framework, particularly as it relates to the A96 Corridor “area for co-ordinated action”;
- Discussion with Transport Scotland on the likely delivery of the infrastructure priorities set out in the Strategic Transport Projects Review and the development of an associated action plan and developer contributions schedule/plan;
- Discussion with other service providers and key agencies such as Scottish Water and SEPA;

NEXT STEPS – DEALING WITH CURRENT PROPOSALS



- The preparation of an updated Inverness City Vision, Local Housing Strategy and Local Transport Strategy (to be undertaken in tandem with the Local Development Plan process) to ensure that the city growth can be set in an updated context and that key existing growth areas can be consolidated and infrastructure “pinch points” remedied;
- Further discussion with local communities and other interest groups as part of the Local Development Plan preparation; and
- Further discussions with all of the development interests involved as part of an A96 Corridor Developers Forum.



CONCLUSIONS



Critical stage in delivery of A96 Corridor strategy

Opportunity to review delivery of current proposals through the Development Plan process

Phasing of development is essential – tied to infrastructure delivery