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**To:** Tim Stott  
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**From:** Margaret Davidson - Member  
**Sent:** 19 September 2011 14:12  
**To:** Tim Stott  
**Subject:** Hinterland

I thought I would pass the following to you for consideration in the next Local Plan.

These matters have arisen after discussion and experience of planning applications over the life of the current local plan.

### **Hinterland Boundary**

It appears to me that the hinterland boundary is rather arbitrary and does not actually take a fine enough grained approach to the areas where there is housing pressure

My suggestions for change are

1. At the Drumnadrochit boundary.
  - a. That the boundary extends beyond Polmaily hotel.
  - b. That it takes in the entire Hill at Bunloit.
  
2. On South Loch Ness.

That the boundary takes in Dores and Farr and then stays close to the boundary of the villages.  
Currently it runs out far too far.
  
3. At Kiltarlity...further discussion is need with the community, but the final boundary should include whole communities and not part.
  
4. Many areas of the Aird have plenty of room for housing in the right places, but the hinterland boundary precludes most development.

### **SMALL SETTLEMENT POLICY**

This policy is very important as it will apply to many smaller settlements in the new plan.

- Each settlement has a pattern and that lay out should be defined first.  
E.g. Scattered crafting settlement, linear development etc  
All development should sustain that character.
  
- Important public Greenspace to be left clear of building should be defined in the settlement
- The landscape setting of a settlement should be preserved...e.g. open green centre, dividing development free land.
- Development should be on a scale that reflects the character of the settlement. Hence most applications should be for one or at most 2 buildings.

- Over the 5 year life of a local plan, no small settlement shall have more than 10% growth .i.e. additional residential buildings
- Any approach to develop more than this should be subject to full local consultation.

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