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Mr Tim Stott Local Plans The Highland Council Glenurquhart Road Inverness IV3 5NX

Dear Sir

LOCAL PLANS CONSULTATION - DRAKIES HOUSE, CULCABOCK AVENUE, INVERNESS

I act for the owner of Drakies House and wish to propose that the zoning in the current Inverness Local Plan (Adopted 2006) be amended in the new Local Plan with regard to 2 specific issues:

- 1. The reference to "50% of the front policies" be removed to allow full development of this gap site which would be appropriate for a site of this nature within the city boundary, and
- The reference to the Council forming an Action Plan for development options for this site with the local community should be changed so that discussions take place with the actual land owner prior to any wider consultation which could form part of a formal planning application.

The current Local Plan makes reference to the Council preparing an Action Plan but despite several attempts to open a dialogue with the Council regarding the possible development of this site, potentially involving the Old School House on Culcabock Avenue, the Council has failed to engage in any meaningful discussion. I would therefore wish to see stronger wording in the new Local Plan confirming that the Council will proactively seek a solution to the development of this site during the life of the next Local Plan.

This site affords the opportunity for quality development close to a variety of amenities and the value of this opportunity should not be wasted. If a traffic solution cannot be found in the short-term then the site should be available for development of low traffic generating uses such as a Care Home or Sheltered Housing – both of which would ideally suit this location.

I am available to meet any of the Council members or officials to discuss possible uses for this site and am open to the possibility of a wider joint development if that is deemed to be the most appropriate way forward. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any further information or wish to discuss any matters in this regard.

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Yours faithfully

Michael Gillespie Director

