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Elaine - many thanks for the comments of the community council, I formally acknowledge them and will consider them in drawing up our first draft of the small settlements policy.

Kellie - please can you log the e-mail below as a formal submission from Inverness West Community Council on the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan - thanks - Tim

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**From:** E DONNELLY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 September 2011 17:00  
**To:** Tim Stott  
**Subject:** Fw: Criteria for small settlement policy. Inverness West CC

Dear Tim,

Thank you for spending time with Hilda and myself going over the Local Plan relevant to our area. Hilda and George listed suggested criteria for 'small settlement policy' for the new Inverness Plan and sent it to me for my thoughts. I agree with their suggestions and am therefore sending them to you below. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards

Elaine  
IWCC - Secretary

Suggested criteria for 'small settlement policy' for new Inverness Plan.

| (Suitable for all settlements within the area.)

- single houses, not blocks
- recognition that rural housing is different from that suitable for suburbia - no ribbon development, no blocks of two or more identical houses
- development should fit within the existing settlement pattern without sprawling into the surrounding countryside
- spacing between housing should follow existing traditional patterns
- rate of development should be gentle enough to be absorbed without changing the character of the settlement
- development should not place unreasonable strain on existing services, nor require large amounts of public expenditure on new infrastructure or services (eg roads, water, schools)

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