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CD04: CaSPlan Main Issues Report, Oct 2014

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CD12: Onshore Wind Energy Supplementary Guidance, Nov 2016

CD18: Highland-wide Local Development Plan, Apr 2012

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Development plan reference:	Other issues raised	Reporter:
Body or person(s) submitting a representation raising the issue (including reference number):		
Amanda Robertson (983266) Amelia Walker (931321) Bill Badger (967160) David Doohan (980228) Donald Mackay (981995) Dunnet & Canisbay Community Council (962464) Elizabeth Mackay (983255)		
Provision of the development plan to which the issue relates:	Other issues raised	
Planning authority's summary of the representation(s):		
<p>Site Numbering and MIR Comments <u>David Doohan (980228), Amelia Walker (931321), Donald Mackay (981995), Elizabeth Mackay (983255), Amanda Robertson (983266)</u> Questions why site numbers changed between the Main Issues Report and the Proposed Plan. This is not user friendly and has confused the general public. What has happened to the comments made on the MIR?</p> <p>Publicity of Consultation <u>Amelia Walker (931321), Donald Mackay (981995), Amanda Robertson (983266)</u> Minimal effort has been put into advertising and publicising. It was mentioned in the local paper, but it was very small and was hidden away within the paper rather than on the front page. The bare minimum is being done by the Council to allow the public to view and comment on the Plan. The website is difficult to navigate and only allowing responses to be made online is discriminating against those who do not own a computer or are not proficient at using one. The views of local residents are being ignored or disregarded. The public should be given more time and easier access to the process.</p> <p><u>Bill Badger (967160)</u> The policies of linking urban with rural and rural with rural are in the forefront of modern planning principles. Moves in this direction are to be applauded. They are surely the way ahead.</p> <p><u>Dunnet & Canisbay Community Council (962464)</u> Dunnet and Canisbay Community Council feel the area covered by CaSPlan is too large.</p> <p>Dunnet and Canisbay Community Council are disappointed that a public meeting was not held in the Community Council area.</p>		

Modifications sought by those submitting representations:

Amelia Walker (931321), Donald Mackay (981995), Amanda Robertson (983266)
Extend consultation period (assumed).

Summary of responses (including reasons) by planning authority:**Site Numbering and MIR Comments**

With reference to the comments about changing site reference numbers, within Appendix A there is also a table showing the site referencing as it evolved from Main Issues Report to Proposed Plan stage. This site referencing table was also included as a supporting document to the Proposed Plan consultation. This was included to ensure that people would not be confused about the change in site referencing.

Comments on the Main Issues Report (MIR) (CD04) and on the Additional Sites and Issues Consultation were used to inform the Proposed Plan. The comments received were all made available on the Council's website, within the CaSPlan webpages. All comments and the Council's responses were also reported to the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee (Item 8 on 4 November 2015), shown within appendix A.

Publicity of Consultation

A Statement of Publicity and Consultation (CD08) was produced as a supporting document to the Plan and is available via the Council's consultation portal. It sets out how CaSPlan has been prepared in line with the consultation commitments the Council made in the Development Plan Scheme's Participation Statement. The Proposed Plan was on consultation for 8 weeks rather than the statutory 6 weeks. It was available to view on the Council's consultation portal and a paper copy was available to view in each public library and Council Service Point in the CaSPlan area. Public adverts were placed in the Northern Times and the John O'Groats Journal, it was publicised online through Facebook, Twitter and the Council's website. A series of press releases were also issued. Respondents to the MIR and Additional Sites and Issues consultations were directly notified and we wrote to everyone on our consultee database that has registered an interest in the CaSPlan area. We also notified everyone within 30 metres of an allocated site in the Plan, going beyond the minimum 20 metre Neighbour Notification requirement. We wrote to all Community Councils in the area asking them to help promote the consultation and to put the consultation on their meeting agendas. Planning Officers attended Community Council training events to promote the Proposed Plan consultation.

The consultation portal used for the Plan consultation is a new online consultation system. It provides an environment to interact with the plan and submit comments online. A user guide was available online which explained how to register and make comments and information leaflet was also produced. Everyone was encouraged to submit comments via the portal but anyone who was unable to submit comments this way was provided with an alternative method to submit comments. Members of the CaSPlan team provided assistance in viewing and commenting on the Plan in the consultation portal to customers who contacted us.

The Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPlan) is the second of three area local development plans to be prepared by the Highland Council. Together with the

Highland-wide Local Development Plan and more detailed Supplementary Guidance, CaSPlan will form the Council's Development Plan against which planning decisions will be made in the Caithness and Sutherland area.

No modifications or additional consultation measures are proposed by the Council.

Post Examination Amendments

The Council is minded to make several minor changes to the Plan and the glossary following the completion of the examination process. This includes making grammatical corrections and presentational amendments such as paragraph numbering.

Reporter's conclusions:

Reporter's recommendations: