

# Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment

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**Addendum to the  
Revised Environmental Report**

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### **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

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#### **Introduction**

A Revised Environmental Report accompanied the Caithness and Sutherland Proposed Local Development Plan; this was published in January 2016. It was prepared in accordance with Section 18 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. The purpose of the Revised Environmental Report was to consider and describe the likely significant effects on the environment following implementation of the plan and also consider and describe any reasonable alternatives to the plan.

The Revised Environmental Report was subject to an 8 week consultation in tandem with the Proposed Plan consultation. The comments received on it have been collated in a document titled "Responses to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Authority comments to the Revised Environmental Report". It sets out the responses received to the Revised Environmental Report and how the comments will be taken on board by the Planning Authority.

This addendum describes the additional amendments that will need to be made to the Finalised Environmental Report following on from a Committee decision to propose two significant modifications to part of CaSPlan: the removal of two allocations in Thurso - TS12 East of Burnside for Community/public park use and TS14 Land West of Caravan Park for Business, Tourism and Leisure. Due to these two significant changes a Modified Plan requires to be consulted on.

#### **Things that will be updated in the Finalised Environmental Report:**

- The following site assessment will be moved: Land North of Pennyland House (TS12: East of Burnside, TS14: Land West of the Caravan Park) will be moved from Appendix 4b Allocated Site Assessments to Appendix 4c Non-allocated Site Assessments.
- The Summary of Proposed Plan allocations table on page 28 will be updated.
- The Sites with Significant effects on page 31 will be updated to remove reference to TS12 and TS14.
- The Thurso paragraph of the Influence of SEA on Each Settlement section on page 38 will be amended and updated.

#### **Next Steps**

Following Examination of the Local Development Plan any factual errors in the Environmental Report will be corrected. Following adoption of the Caithness and Sutherland

Local Development Plan by the Highland Council, a Finalised Environmental Report and Post Adoption Statement will be produced and published in due course.

An amended timetable for the next steps is below:

Timescales	CaSPlan	SEA/Habitats Regulations Appraisal
<b>Complete</b> (From 2011)	Publication of the updated Development Plan Scheme	Prepare a Scoping Report and send to the Consultation Authorities
<b>Complete</b> (Autumn 2013)	Call for Sites	Gathering variety of information on sites and more strategic issues.
<b>Complete</b> (2013/2014)	Preparation of Topic Papers	Identifying key environmental issues and priority outcomes
<b>Complete</b> Autumn 2013 – Summer 2014	Pre Main Issues Report (MIR) Engagement	Regular meetings with key agencies
<b>Complete</b> Oct 2014	Publish Main Issues Report	Publish Environmental Report and submit to SEA Gateway
<b>Complete</b> 13 Weeks	Consultation on MIR and SEA	
<b>Complete</b> Spring/summer 2015	Consider representations. Prepare Proposed Plan and Action Programme	Consider responses from key agencies. Appraise environmental implications of Proposed Plan and undertake HRA. Make appropriate amendments to Environmental Report
<b>Complete</b> January 2016	Publish Proposed Plan and Proposed Action Programme	Publish revised Environmental Report and draft HRA and submit revised Environmental Report to SEA Gateway
<b>Complete</b> 8 Weeks	Consultation on Proposed Plan	
<b>Complete</b> Spring/Summer 2016	Consider representations. Prepare Summary of unresolved Issues and Report of Conformity with Participation Strategy.	Consider responses
September 2016	Publish Modified Proposed Plan	Publish Addendum to Revised Environmental Report
Winter 2016/17	Consider representations. Prepare Summary of unresolved Issues and Report of Conformity with Participation Strategy.	Consider responses
April 2017	Submit Modified Proposed Plan, Action Programme and Report of Conformity to	Submit HRA record to Ministers

	Scottish Ministers. Advertise submission of Plan.	
Spring to Autumn 2017	Examination of Proposed Plan.	
Early 2018	Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan adopted by the Highland Council	Publish Post-Adoption SEA Statement and submit to SEA Gateway.
From adoption onwards	Put plan into place and monitor our progress	Publish Post-Adoption SEA Statement and submit to SEA Gateway