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## Caithness and Sutherland Local Development Plan (CaSPIan) – List of Modifications

This is the version as recommended to Full Council on 28 June 2018.

Please note that after Full Council's consideration the following minor amendments will be made to the version of CaSPlan accompanying this list and this list updated accordingly:

- a Foreword will be added where indicated in the Plan;
- paragraph numbering may be further adjusted throughout the Plan;
- pagination may be adjusted to ease reading/use of the Plan.

All settlements	N/A	Council Change – Table captions removed as only required for consultation purposes.	Various
		Council Change – Comment boxes for strategy and placemaking priorities removed as only required for consultation purposes.	Various
		Council Change – Improved aerial photography and labels used for Economic Development Areas and Growing Settlements.	Various
		Council Change – Ratio scales replaced with bar scales on settlement maps and aerial photos for ease of use.	Various
Appendix 1	N/A	Site referencing (numbers/names) updated	Pages

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			to reflect latest version of Plan content.	129 - 130
Foreword	N/A		Council Change – Remove List of Modifications as only required for consultation purposes.	Page i
About This Modified Proposed Plan	N/A		Council Change – Section re-titled "About This Plan" and amended to reflect the progression of CaSPlan, stage and status.	Pages ii - iv
01 Vision	Employment Outcome 1. Under the Employment Outcome of the Vision and Employment sections, pages 1 and 15, adjust the last line of the Outcome so that it reads: "industries and a tourist industry that combines culture, history, adventure and wildlife."	ŋ	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Pages 1 and 16
02 Spatial Strategy	<u>Strategy General</u> 1. Under the Strategy and Policies section, page 4, adjust the 2 <sup>nd</sup> bullet point in paragraph 11 by removing the first clause up to (and including) energy sector, and replacing it with: "Maximising opportunities arising from offshore renewables and oil and gas,"	17	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 4, para 12
	<ol> <li>Under Appendix 2 – Glossary, page 124, adjust the definition for Area for Energy Business Expansion by removing the first clause up to (and including) energy</li> </ol>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 131

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	<ul> <li>sector, and replacing it with:</li> <li>"Area within which the Plan seeks to maximise opportunities arising from offshore renewables and oil and gas,"</li> <li>3. Under the Strategy and Policies section, page 3, place on the Strategy Map an additional "Offshore Renewables" caption to the north of Gills Harbour.</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 3
03 Growing Communities	Wider Countryside1. Under the Growing Communities(Wider Countryside) section of the Strategyand Policies, page 9, adjust the CaSPlanHinterland Map to omit from the hinterlanddesignation the area covered by CreichCommunity Council lying to the west ofLarachan, as shown on the mapaccompanying the planning authority'sresponse to FIR 04 (for the avoidance ofdoubt, this does not include the area to thenorth, west of Acharry Moor, which is alsocovered by Creich Community Council).Housing Land Supply	48	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 11
	2. Under the Growing Communities (Housing Land Supply) section of the Strategy and Policies, page 6, delete paragraph 19, and replace it with 2 new paragraphs (appropriately numbered) to		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 6, paras 20 – 21

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	read: "The housing supply target is a policy view of the number of homes that the Council estimates is required over the period covered by the Plan. It takes into the account the 2015 Housing Need and Demand Assessment, the Monitoring Statement (including the Addendum: Housing Background Paper) and wider economic and social factors. The target is founded on an approach of continued economic growth, which is the approach the Council has chosen to follow in its local development plans and is described in the 2015 Highland-wide Local Development Plan Main Issues Report as the 'high' scenario. The approach takes into account the high growth projections set out in the 2015 Housing Need and Demand Assessment. On this basis, the housing supply target for the next 20 years across the Plan area is 1140 houses (530 in Caithness and 610 in Sutherland). The Council's reasons for adopting the continued economic growth approach are: - Additional new housing is required, despite an expected fall in population, in order to meet the demand generated by			

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	<ul> <li>falling household sizes, and to eradicate the backlog of affordable housing need (predominantly in Sutherland).</li> <li>The approach is closely aligned to the objectives of the Council and its Community Planning Partners, which seek to realise the area's economic potential, including the delivery of market and affordable housing.</li> <li>The nature of the area's economy is changing, with several emerging growth industries being identified. In particular, the waters around Caithness and north Sutherland have significant offshore renewable energy generation potential, and there are positive signs of increasing activity in the sector, with a number of developments proceeding. Additionally, the area's remoteness means that it has potential for various scales of location sensitive development, such as the nuclear energy development at Dounreay, which has reshaped the local economy over the last 60 years. Also a delay is now expected in the substantial decline of Dounreay dependent jobs because the decommissioning timescales for reaching the Interim End State have been extended</li> </ul>			

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	<ul> <li>to 2030-2033.</li> <li>The continuing diversification of the area's economy is sought. Growing the tourism industry is a key objective both regionally and nationally. It is an under developed asset which could generate significant numbers of jobs. Initiatives such as the North Coast 500 and Venture North are helping to promote and co-ordinate tourism in the north of Highland area, and there is potential for various scales of tourism/leisure development in more rural areas.</li> <li>Growing these sectors would bring new investment and job opportunities which could have significant effects on retaining young people and helping to reverse population decline.</li> <li>The housing supply target equates to an average of 57 house completions across the Plan area each year between 2016 and 2035, but the actual annual house completion rates in recent years have been typically well above that number."</li> <li>Under the Growing Communities (Housing Land Supply) section of the Strategy and Policies, page 6, delete paragraph 20, and replace it with 2 new</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 7, paras

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	paragraphs (appropriately numbered) to read: "The housing land requirement ensures that a generous supply of land for housing is provided. The Council has set the requirement at 1368 houses (636 in Caithness, and 732 in Sutherland). It has been obtained by increasing the housing supply target figure by 20%, which is at the top end of the 10-20% range referred to in Scottish Planning Policy. The Council has applied a 20% increase in order to add a suitable level of flexibility to the housing land supply in this large, rural Plan area, and to allow an appropriate range of development opportunities to be spread across the Settlement Development Areas. The table below shows the Housing Supply Targets (separated into affordable and market sector housing) and the Housing Land Requirements. With regard to affordable housing provision, the Highland-wide Local Development Plan contains the affordable housing policy and our overall development plan policy framework provides the means for considering the merits of any particular proposals that come forward, be they sites			22 – 23

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	<ul> <li>allocated for housing or not."</li> <li>(Insert Housing Land Requirements table as set out at paragraph 20 of the Modified Proposed Plan [and in attachments 1 and 2 of the planning authority's response to FIR 03])"</li> <li>4. Under the Growing Communities (Housing Land Supply) section of the Strategy and Policies, page 6, delete paragraph 22, and replace it with 3 new paragraphs (appropriately numbered) to read:</li> <li>"The Plan contains a generous housing land supply in total and for each Housing Market Area. Based on the indicative housing capacities for each site (shown in the Settlement sections) the total land allocated for housing units is 1616 (Caithness 888 and Sutherland 728). The main reasons for this level of housing land supply, particularly in Caithness, are:</li> <li>Many larger housing sites already have planning permission and on some of these developments have either stopped or are progressing very slowly. As the permissions are live, and to ensure the effective planning forward a variety of uses</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 8, paras 25 – 27

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and delivering infrastructure improvements,	
it is important to allocate them for	
development, phased where appropriate.	
- The Council has allocated many	
brownfield opportunities to help promote	
regeneration and bring vacant and derelict	
sites back into use. They often have	
prominent locations and their	
redevelopment can have wide ranging	
positive impacts on the settlement. To	
encourage their redevelopment, and	
because their regeneration is a priority, the	
Council has been flexible in the list of	
acceptable uses.	
- The rural nature of the area means that	
due to viability and the need for choice, a	
greater selection of sites is necessary to	
ensure that an effective supply is identified.	
It is essential that the key settlements are	
supported and strengthened to be more	
sustainable. This helps to ensure that	
housing demand is met and supports	
young people, families, and the elderly to	
remain in the area.	
However, not all houses will be built on	
land allocated for housing. Where housing	
is built on land which is not allocated, it is	
referred to as 'windfall' housing	

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	development. The Monitoring Statement		
	indicates that out of 2111 house		
	completions from 2000 to September 2013,		
	63% of all completions were effectively		
	windfall. It also showed that the windfall		
	rate varied across the Plan area. The		
	majority of development has been in		
	broadly sustainable locations, with the		
	majority of completions in Thurso (74%)		
	and Wick (62%) being on allocated sites,		
	and a significant proportion being on non-		
	allocated land in Settlement Development		
	Areas.		
	The Council is now renewing its focus on		
	tightening up housing development in the		
	countryside, and is considering a new		
	approach as part of the Highland-wide		
	Local Development Plan review. It		
	promotes a proactive approach to the		
	delivery of allocated housing sites, and to		
	this end is setting up a 'Delivering		
	Development Forum', and has established		
	the 'Highland Housing Hub'. The former		
	will support the delivery of development		
	and infrastructure, the latter helps to better		
	co-ordinate housing investment		
	opportunities, making best use of Council		
	assets and opening up sites for housing		
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development. While the new approach may mean that the contribution to the housing land requirement from 'windfall' development could decrease over time, it i likely to continue to have an ongoing important role in the development of the area and the number of housing completions achieved annually. This is particularly so when account is taken of th remote, rural character of the Plan area, and the absence of significant volume house building pressures." <u>Policy 1: Town Centres First</u> 5. Under the Policy 1: Town Centres First section of the Strategy and Policies, page 11, adjust the 1st sentence of the 3rd paragraph of the Policy to read: "If the Council considers that a proposal may result in an adverse impact on the vitality and viability of any defined town centre, the developer will be required to produce a retail or town centre impact	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 13
assessment" 6. Under the Policy 1: Town Centres First section of the Strategy and Policies, page 10, insert a new paragraph (appropriately numbered) between paragraphs 38 and 39 to read:	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 12, para 43

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	<ul> <li>"For those settlements with town centre boundaries defined on the maps in the Settlements section, the Council intends to undertake town centre health checks, and use their findings to develop town centre strategies which deliver improvements. The health checks and strategies will be used as a baseline for future monitoring and updating. The Council also intends to use the health checks and strategies to provide further information and guidance, including the spatial elements of the town centre strategies, in Supplementary Guidance."</li> <li>7. Under the Policy 1: Town Centres First section of the Strategy and Policies, page 11, add a new paragraph between the 4th and 5th paragraphs of the Policy to read:</li> <li>"The Council intends to undertake health checks and develop town centre strategies for the defined town centres of Brora, Dornoch, Golspie, Thurso and Wick, and to use these to provide further information and guidance, including the spatial elements of the town centre strategies, in Supplementary Guidance, "</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 13

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	N/A		Council Change – Title amended to 'Policy 1: Town Centre First' on pages 10 and 11 for consistency within the Plan and with other local development plans which the Highland Council are currently preparing (minor change as per Schedule 4).	Pages 11 and 13
	<ul> <li><u>Policy 3: Growing Settlements</u></li> <li>8. Under the Policy 3: Growing</li> <li>Settlements section of the Strategy and Policies,</li> <li>page 11, adjust the 6th bullet point of the Policy to read:</li> <li>"would not result in an adverse impact on any other important heritage feature (including natural or built), important public viewpoint/vista or open space."</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 16
04 Employment	<ol> <li>Under the Employment section of the Strategy and Policies, page 15, adjust the 4th sentence of paragraph 55 to read:</li> <li>"Communities are encouraged to work together to formulate a tourism plan for their own area that makes the most of their natural and cultural heritage and complements the CaSPlan Vision."</li> </ol>	59	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 17, para 60

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	<ul> <li>2. Under the Employment (Marine Planning) section of the Strategy and Policies, page 16, adjust the 5th sentence of paragraph 63 (of the Modified Proposed Plan) to read:</li> <li>"The Council, in partnership with Marine Scotland and Orkney Islands Council, has finalised and adopted the non-statutory Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan which is a material consideration in assessing relevant planning applications along the north Caithness and Sutherland coastline"</li> <li>3. Under the Employment (Marine Planning) section of the Strategy and Policies, page 16, delete the 1st sentence of paragraph 65, and add the remaining sentence (the 2nd sentence) to the end of</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 19, para 68 Page 19, para 69
05 Connectivity and Transport	<ul> <li>paragraph 64.</li> <li>1. Under the Connectivity and Transport section of the Strategy and Policies, page 17, add a 5th bullet point to paragraph 68 to read:</li> <li>"The continued growth of the tourism industry may put increased pressure on the road network, particularly in rural areas"</li> </ul>	67	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 20, para 72

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2. Under the Connectivity and Transport section of the Strategy and Policies,	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 19,
page 17, adjust the 2nd second sentence		para 72
of the 2nd bullet point in paragraph 68 to read:		
"Communities can play a key role in		
addressing this issue, for example, by		
providing community transport solutions, like Transport for Tongue"		
3. Under the Connectivity and Transport	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
section of the Strategy and Policies,		19,
page 17, add the following sentence to the		para 72
end of the 3rd bullet point in paragraph 68 to read:		
"In some cases renewable energy		
projects may result in repairs and upgrades		
but it is essential that the Council ensures		
that there is no net degradation to		
infrastructure from these projects" 4. Under the Connectivity and Transport	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
section of the Strategy and Policies,		20,
page 17, adjust the 1st bullet point of		para 73
paragraph 69 to read:		
"Aligning with the Highland Local Transport Strategy and supporting projects		
to be delivered by partner agencies, for		
example, Transport Scotland's planned		
improvements for Berriedale Braes on the		

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	<ul> <li>A9, Network Rail's enhancements to the Far North Line, and measures addressing the challenges in the provision of public transport."</li> <li>5. Under the Connectivity and Transport section of the Strategy and Policies, page 17, adjust the 1st sentence of the 3rd bullet point of paragraph 69 to read: "Promoting active travel opportunities, particularly between settlements such as Brora and Golspie, and within Thurso and Wick"</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 20, para 73
06 Environment and Heritage	Climate Change 1. Under the Environment and Heritage section of the Strategy and Policies, page 19, adjust paragraph 81 so that it reads: "The area also has a substantial renewable energy resource, with onshore wind and hydro energy sectors well established and offshore and marine energy developments currently emerging."	76	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 22, para 85
07 Castletown	<u>CT01 Land North of Harland Road</u> 1. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements, page 24, delete from the Settlement Map the 2 site accesses shown for CT01. <u>CT02 Castlehill Steading and CT06 Land</u>	102	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 27

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at Shelley Hill		
2. Under the Castletown section of th	Change as per Reporter Recommendation P	Page
Caithness Settlements, pages 25-26,		28
divide CT02 and the northern part of C	F06 (C	(CT02,
into 2 allocations, each reading:		CT03)
"Site ref: Castlehill Steading and adjoi	ing	
land		
Use: Mixed Use (Housing, Business,		
Tourism)		
Area (ha): 3		
Indicative Housing Capacity: 69		
Developer Requirements: Developme	it in	
accordance with planning permission		
16/00927/FUL including carrying out a		
Programme of Archaeological Work;	ree	
Protection and Management Plan;		
Protected species walkover survey; W	aste	
Management Plan; Flood Risk		
Assessment (no development in areas		
shown to be at risk of flooding); Delive	or	
fund section of tree lined boulevard		
connection between Traill Street and		
Castlehill which lies within the bounda	/ of	
the allocation.		
Site Ref: Former Castlehill House site		
Use: Mixed Use (Business, Tourism)		
Area (ha): 2.3		
Developer Requirements: Flood Risk		

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	<ul> <li>Assessment (no development in areas shown to be at risk of flooding);</li> <li>Programme of Archaeological Work; Tree Protection and Management Plan;</li> <li>Protected species walkover survey; Waste Management Plan."</li> <li>3. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 24, divide CT02 and the northern part of CT06 into 2 allocations – Castlehill</li> <li>Steading and adjoining land, and Former Castlehill House site – as shown on the map which sets out the planning authority's proposed changes to CT02 and CT06 (part of Attachment 1), enclosed with the planning authority's response to FIR 05.</li> <li>4. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 24, move the site access into the new CT02 (Castlehill Steading and adjoining land) allocation, to the position shown on the map which sets out the planning</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 27 (CT02, CT03) Page 27
	<ul> <li>authority's proposed changes to CT02 and CT06 (part of Attachment 1), enclosed with the planning authority's response to FIR 05.</li> <li>5. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map),</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 27

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	<ul> <li>page 24, adjust the boundaries of the new CT02 (Castlehill Steading and adjoining land) allocation by removing the Heritage Centre from the western edge as shown on the map which sets out the planning authority's proposed changes to CT02 and CT06 (part of Attachment 1), enclosed with the planning authority's response to FIR 05.</li> <li>6. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 24, adjust the boundaries of the new CT02 (Castlehill Steading and adjoining land) allocation by extending the southern and eastern edges to match the boundaries for planning permission 11/00403/FUL), all as shown on the map setting out the planning authority's response to FIR 05.</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 27
	<ul> <li>7. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements, page 25-26, divide the remainder of CT06 into 2 sites – an allocation (North of Mackay Street) and a long term opportunity (Land at Shelley Hill) – each reading:</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Pages 29, 31 (CT07, CT10)

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"Site ref: North of Mackay Street Use: Mixed Use (Housing, Community) Area (ha): 1.4 Indicative Housing Capacity: 30 Developer Requirements: Deliver or fund section of tree lined boulevard connection between Traill Street and Castlehill which lies within the boundary of the allocation. Site ref: Land at Shelley Hill Use: Long term mixed use Area (ha): 3.3 Developer Requirements: This identified as a 'Long Term Site.' These sites indicate the likely preferred direction for growth beyond the Plan period. They are not being invited for development within this Plan period and therefore Developer Requirements have not been identified in this Plan. More information about Long Term Sites is provided in the Glossary." 8. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map).	Change as per Reporter Recommend	•
Requirements have not been identified in this Plan. More information about Long Term Sites is provided in the Glossary."	Change as per Reporter Recommend	dation Page 27 (CT07, CT10)

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of Attachment 1), enclosed with the		
planning authority's response to FIR 05.		
9. Under the Castletown section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map),		27
page 24, move the remainder of CT06 (an		(CT07,
allocation [North of Mackay Street], and a		CT10)
long term opportunity [Land at Shelley Hill])		
to the west so that they are centred on the		
proposed link between Castlehill and		
Mackay Street, as shown on the map		
setting out the planning authority's		
proposed changes to CT02 and CT06 (part		
of Attachment 1), enclosed with the		
planning authority's response to FIR 05.		
10. Under the Castletown section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map),		27
page 24, identify the southern section of		(CT07)
the new CT06 allocation (North of Mackay		<b>、</b>
Street) as Expansion of Green Network, as		
shown on the map setting out the planning		
authority's proposed changes to CT02 and		
CT06 (part of Attachment 1), enclosed with		
the planning authority's response to FIR		
05.		
11. Under the Castletown section of	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Pages
the Caithness Settlements, pages 25-26,		29-30
identify 2 new long term opportunities –		(CT08,
North of Castlehill Avenue, and North of		(CT09)
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Churchill Road – either side of the new		
CT06 allocation (North of Mackay Street)		
each reading:		
"Site ref: North of Castlehill Avenue		
Use: Long Term Mixed Use		
Area (ha): 1.2		
Developer Requirements: This is identified		
as a 'Long Term Site.' These sites indicate		
the likely preferred direction for growth		
beyond the Plan period. They are not		
being invited for development within this		
Plan period and therefore Developer		
Requirements have not been identified in		
this Plan. More information about Long		
Term Sites is provided in the Glossary.		
Site ref: North of Churchill Road		
Use: Long Term Mixed Use		
Area (ha): 1.2		
Developer Requirements: This is identified		
as a 'Long Term Site.' These sites indicate		
the likely preferred direction for growth		
beyond the Plan period. They are not		
being invited for development within this		
Plan period and therefore developer		
requirements have not been identified in		
this Plan. More information about Long		
Term Sites is provided in the Glossary."		
12. Under the Castletown section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page

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	Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 24, identify 2 new long term opportunities – North of Castlehill Avenue, and North of Churchill Road – either side of the new CT06 allocation (North of Mackay Street), as shown on the map which sets out the planning authority's proposed changes to CT02 and CT06 (part of Attachment 1), enclosed with the planning authority's response to FIR 05. 13. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 24, identify the southern sections of the new 2 new long term opportunities – North of Castlehill Avenue, and North of Churchill Road – either side of the new CT06 allocation (North of Mackay Street) as Expansions of Green Network, all as shown on the map which sets out the planning authority's proposed changes to CT02 and CT06 (part of Attachment 1), enclosed with the planning authority's		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	27 (CT08, CT09) Page 27 (CT08, CT09)
	response to FIR 05. 14. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 24, identify 2 new site accesses for the 2 new long term opportunities – at Harbour Road for North of Castlehill		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 27 (CT08, CT09)

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	Avenue, and the A836 for North of Churchill Road – as shown on the map which sets out the planning authority's proposed changes to CT02 and CT06 (part of Attachment 1), enclosed with the planning authority's response to FIR 05. <u>CT03 Former Castlehill Gardens</u> 15. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements, page 25, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for CT03 to read: "Flood Risk Assessment (no development in areas shown to be at risk		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 29 (CT04)
	of flooding)." 16. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements, page 26, adjust the 5th clause of the Developer Requirements for CT03 to read: "Early engagement with Scottish Water is recommended to determine potential requirement for pumped water supply;" CT05 Former Free Church, Main Street		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 29 (CT04)
	17. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 24, delete the route of the Proposed Path at CT05 and replace it with the route of the path shown on the map enclosed with planning authority's response to FIR		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 27 (CT06)

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	<ul> <li>06.</li> <li>18. Under the Castletown section of the Caithness Settlements, page 26, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirement for CT05 to read:</li> <li>"If feasible, provide access through the site to allow for connections with the Core Path network within the former quarry."</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 29 (CT06)
08 Halkirk	Halkirk General1. Under the Halkirk section of the Caithness Settlements, page 27, add a further Placemaking Priority to read: "Support the proposal by Halkirk Community Sports Foundation to provide a healthy living centre in the village".HK01 Comlifoot Drive	114	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 32
	<ul> <li>2. Under the Halkirk section of the Caithness Settlements, page 29, add a further Developer Requirement to HK01 to read:</li> <li>"Flood Risk Assessment (no development in areas shown at risk of flooding)." HK02 West of Bridge Street</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 34
	3. Under the Halkirk section of the Caithness Settlements, page 29, add a further Developer Requirement to HK02 to read: "Peat assessment and management plan."		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 34

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09 Lybster	LY02 The Cross	119		
	1. Under the Lybster section of the	113	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
	Caithness Settlements, page 33, add the		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	39
	following text to the Developer			39
	Requirements for LY02:			
	"Flood Risk Assessment (no development			
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	in areas shown to be at risk of flooding)".			
	LY03 South of Golf Club House		Charge on non Departer Department dation	Dese
	2. Under the Lybster section of the		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
	Caithness Settlements, page 33, add the			40
	following text in the Developer			
	Requirements for LY03:			
	"Consider potential for impacts on new			
	development from neighbouring golf			
	course and any necessary mitigation;			
	Flood Risk Assessment (no development in			
	areas shown to be at risk of flooding)."			
10 Thurso	Reference to Scrabster Harbour Expansion	168		
	<u>Plans</u>			
	1. Under the Thurso section of the		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
	Caithness Settlements, page 35, adjust the			42
	first bullet of the Placemaking Priorities to			
	read:			
	"Support the expansion of Scrabster			
	Harbour, development of the Enterprise			
	Area, and extension of the Business Park			
	to attract energy related opportunities			
	which will create new employment			

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	opportunities"TS05 Former Mart Site2. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 37, delete the Developer Requirements for TS05 and replace them with a new set of Developer Requirements to read: "Developer Requirements: Planning permissions 07/00038/OUTCA [PPA/270/459] and 08/00494/REMCA), and 15/4656/FUL (expires 31 July 2020) are live; Planning applications are to be accompanied by a developer led masterplan; High quality siting and design, including sympathetic streetscape siting and design and street frontage, particularly on the northern part of the allocation, all to reflect the prominent location, the immediate surroundings, and the proximity to heritage features; Transport Assessment; Improvements to the current 		Change as per Reporter Recommendation (with Council Change – Additional minor punctuation amendment to improve clarity).	Page 45

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Centre Impact Assessment for a hotel may		
be required.		
TS07 Land at Sir Archibald Road		
3. Under the Thurso section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 41, adjust the		49
boundaries of TS07 on the Settlement Map		
by removing the existing houses from the		
allocation, and adjust the figure for the		
Area (ha) of the allocation, page 38,		
accordingly.		
4. Under the Thurso section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 38, adjust the		45
third clause of the Developer Requirements		10
for TS07 to read:		
"Enhance active travel connections		
through the site, including providing a		
footpath to help connect footpath provision		
along the coast;"		
TS08: Land at Bridgend		
5. Under the Thurso section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 38, adjust the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	46
fourth clause of the Developer		40
Requirements for TS08 to read:		
"Enhance active travel connections,		
including providing a footpath to help		
connect footpath provision along the		
coast;"		
TS09 North of Scrabster Community Hall		

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6. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 38, add the following new clause to the Developer	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 46
Requirements for TS09: "Flood Risk Assessment (no development in areas shown to be at risk of flooding)." <u>TS11 Viewfirth Park</u>		
7. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 39, add the following new clauses to the Developer Requirements for TS11 to read: "Careful siting and design of development to safeguard residential and visual amenity, and avoid overdevelopment of the site; Development proposals to show the general measures to be taken in the operation of the facility to avoid unacceptable effects on the surrounding residential area."	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 46
TS13 Thurso Harbour8. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 39, delete the Developer Requirement for TS13 relating to flood risk (2nd clause) and replace it with a new requirement to read: "Flood Risk Assessment required to inform layout and design. Only low	Change as per Reporter Recommendation (with Council Change – Additional minor punctuation amendment to improve clarity).	Page 47 (TS12)

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Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 41, outwith the boundaries of Thurso West (TS04), adjust the Indicative Road lines shown between the B874 and the A836, and the A836 and A9, by changing the black dashed lines with arrows to black dashed and dotted lines with arrows. 2. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 41, adjust the Indicative Road lines shown between the B874 and the A9 to the south, by deleting the black dashed line with arrows, and inserting 2 short sections of black dashed and dotted lines with arrows, one next to the B874 and the other		Developer Requirement for TS15 relating to flood risk (1st clause) and replace it with a new requirement to read: "Flood Risk Assessment required to inform layout and design. Only low vulnerability uses or operationally essential uses in areas shown to be at risk of flooding, to be accompanied by resilience measures;"		punctuation amendment to improve clarity).	(TS13)
2. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 41, adjust the Indicative Road lines shown between the B874 and the A9 to the south, by deleting the black dashed line with arrows, and inserting 2 short sections of black dashed and dotted lines with arrows, one next to the B874 and the other	11 Thurso Site TS04	1. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 41, outwith the boundaries of Thurso West (TS04), adjust the Indicative Road lines shown between the B874 and the A836, and the A836 and A9, by changing the black dashed lines with arrows to black	211	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 49
		2. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 41, adjust the Indicative Road lines shown between the B874 and the A9 to the south, by deleting the black dashed line with arrows, and inserting 2 short sections of black dashed and dotted lines with arrows, one next to the B874 and the other next to the A9.			Page 49 Page

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	<ul> <li>Caithness Settlements, page 33, adjust the Legend (Paths and Access), by inserting a new category of a black dashed and dotted line with arrows, and an associated legend of Long Term Potential Distributor/Relief Road Routes.</li> <li>4. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 34, divide paragraph 112 into 2 new paragraphs (appropriately numbered) to read:</li> <li>" Strategic transport improvements have been a priority in Thurso for several decades. Traffic congestion in the central area is a major problem at certain times and is exacerbated by there only being one river crossing. HGVs often struggle to travel through the town centre's narrow streets and sharp corners, particularly while transporting large haulage items. The Council considers that improvements to the road network are vital to unlocking the full potential for development sites and job creation at Scrabster and the business and industrial parks.</li> <li>The Plans for expansion of the town to the west present an ideal opportunity to deliver at least some improved transport infrastructure. In particular, a local</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	48 Page 41, paras 122, 123

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	distributor/link road, funded by developer contributions, will be provided between Ormlie, Pennyland and Upper Burnside as a part of the development of Thurso West (TS04). This road requires to be capable of upgrade because, in the long term, it could potentially be extended to form a distributor/relief road around the western edge of Thurso, which would connect to the A9 north and south of the town, crossing the A836, the B874, the railway, and the river. There are 2 options for such a route, one to the west of Thurso			

and the river. There are 2 options for such			
a route, one to the west of Thurso			
Business Park, which emerged from the			
Thurso Charrette, and the other through			
Thurso West (TS04), which is proposed in			
the 2003 Thurso Western Expansion Area			
Development Brief and the previous Local			
Plan. At present, there is no funding			
commitment for such a distributor/relief			
road, or support from Transport Scotland,			
but its provision is an aspiration of the			
Council."			
5. Under the Thurso section of the		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 37, adjust the			44
8th clause of the Developer Requirements			
to read:			
"Transport Assessment including single,			
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	shared access taken from A836 to form local distributor/link road within TS04, with capability of upgrading to distributor/relief road status;" 6. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 34, add a sentence at the end of paragraph 113 (appropriately numbered) to read: "Similarly, any future proposal for a crossing over the River Thurso as a part of a distributor/relief road would also be required to demonstrate that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC [through submission of a satisfactory Construction Environmental Management Plan [including pollution prevention])." Thurso West (TS04)		Change as per Reporter Recommendation (with Council Change – Additional minor punctuation amendment to improve clarity).	Pages 41 – 42, para 124
	<ul> <li>7. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 37, delete the 4th clause of the Developer Requirements (which relates to the provision of up to 20 houses west of Pennyland House) so that the area concerned can be included as part of the long term site east of the proposed filling station.</li> <li>8. Under the Thurso section of the</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 44
	Caithness Settlements, page 37, adjust		Change as per Reponer Recommendation	Page 44

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	the 5th clause of the Developer Requirements to read: "Additional long term potential for low level/low density housing development and amenity openspace east of proposed petrol station (to be treated as a long term site as per the definition in the Glossary);" 9. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 37, adjust		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 44
	the 7th clause of the Developer Requirements to read: "Potential for additional long term housing to the west of Wolf Burn (to be treated as a long term site as per the definition in the Glossary);			
	<ul> <li>10. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 37, adjust the 11th clause of the Developer Requirements to read:</li> <li>"At least a 40 metre amenity/openspace corridor alongside the A836/A9;"</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 44
	11. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 41, adjust the Settlement Map by extending the designation Expansion of Green Network along the full length of the southern boundary of the land east of the proposed filling station (i.e. from the western part of		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 49

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	Brims Road, Hoy Place and Rockwell Crescent along to the eastern part of Brims Road and Forrs Road). 12. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 41, adjust the Settlement Map by extending TS04 southwards to include an area on its south western boundary as shown on Attachment 15 of the planning authority's response to FIR 08 (i.e. the area coloured yellow)(for the avoidance of doubt, the designated Expansion of Green Network area shown at this location in the Plan must be retained in full even though part of it will now be included in the extended TS04), and amend the settlement		Change as per Reporter Recommendation (and Council Change – Consequential change to stated site size to 61.4ha).	Page 49 (and page 44)
	boundary accordingly. 13. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 37, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for TS04: "Sensitive siting and design to safeguard residential amenity."		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 44
	14. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 37, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for TS04: "The Wolf Burn should be protected by a		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 44

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	<ul> <li>25 metre development exclusion buffer.</li> <li>Note that discharges to this watercourse are unlikely to be acceptable."</li> <li>15. Under the Glossary in Appendix 2, page 126, add the following new sentence at the end of the definition for a Masterplan:</li> <li>"Those preparing masterplans should engage with the Council from the outset and should demonstrate that they have undertaken effective and meaningful public consultation, which has informed the</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 134
	content of the masterplan." 16. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 37, remove the penultimate Developer Requirement for TS04 relating to the River Thurso Special Area of Conservation and Site of Special Scientific Interest.		Change as per Reporter Recommendation (with Council Change – Additional minor punctuation amendment to improve clarity).	Page 44
12 Thurso Sites TS12 and TS14	1. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 41, adjust the Settlement Map by designating the area of TS12 and TS14 (as defined in the Original Proposed Plan and deleted from the Modified Proposed Plan) as Greenspace.	246	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 49
	2. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 34, add a new paragraph (appropriately numbered)		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 41, para

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	<ul> <li>between paragraphs 111 and 112 (of the Modified Proposed Plan) to read:</li> <li>" The cliff top land on the north side of the A9, between the housing at Burnside to the west and the Thurso Bay Caravan and Camping Park to the east is important to the character and identity of Thurso, and its distinctive sense of place. This is because of the land's openness, the views from and of it, and its location within the settlement boundary between different built up areas of the town. In order to safeguard it from inappropriate development, it has been designated as Greenspace on the Settlement Map."</li> <li>3. Under the Thurso section of the Caithness Settlements, page 35, adjust the 3rd Placemaking Priority (of the Modified Proposed Plan) by deleting the reference to a public park at the beginning of the 3rd line, so that the 2nd sentence in the bullet point reads:</li> <li>"Land is identified for a range of uses including housing, business, leisure, petrol station and open space together with important transport and connection improvements."</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	121 Page 42
13 Wick	Land east of Murray Avenue	275		

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1. Under the Wick section of the Caithness Settlements, add a new allocation as follows: Ref: East of Murray Avenue Use: Housing Area (ha): 4.0 Indicative Housing Capacity: 40 Developer Requirements: "Ensure the provision of suitable open space; Safeguard a development buffer of at least 100 metres from the Waste Water Treatment Works."	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 55 (WK06)
2. Under the Wick section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 42, add a new housing allocation east of Murray Avenue to accord with housing allocation 12(b) – Broadhaven East – in the Caithness Local Plan. WK01, WK02, WK03, WK17 and WK19	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 50
3. Under the Wick section of the Caithness Settlements, pages 44, 45 and 48, add the following Developer Requirement for each of sites WK01, WK02, WK03, WK17 and WK19 to read: "Development proposals will require to identify what measures will be put in place to ensure that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the East Caithness	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Pages 52 – 58

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Cliffs SPA through increased disturbance		
caused by increased recreational use of		
the area by residents of the new housing."		
WK03 East of Carnaby Road		
4. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 45, add the		54
following Developer Requirement to read:		
"25 metre development setback from		
watercourse; Avoid any discharge into the		
watercourse."		
WK04 North of Coghill Street		
5. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map),		54
page 42, extend the boundary of site		
WK04 and the settlement boundary, to		
accord with the approved site plan for		
planning permission 02/00165/FULCA.		
6. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 45, amend		54
the description of the site to read:		
"Area (ha): 7.0		
Indicative Housing Capacity: 48".		
7. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 45, add the		54
following Developer Requirements to read:		
"Flood Risk Assessment (no development		
in areas shown to be at risk of flooding)		
and Drainage Impact Assessment"; and		

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"Open space to be provided through the		
next phase of development." WK07 Land at Broadhaven Farm		
8. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 46, remove	Change as per reporter recommendation	55
the reference to the Long Term Housing		00
proposal at WK07.		
9. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map),	(with Council Change – Consequential	50 <sup>°</sup>
page 42, remove the reference to WK07.	draw-in of SDA boundary).	
WK09 North of Wick North Primary School		_
10. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 46, add the		55
following Developer Requirement to read: "Flood Risk Assessment (no development		
in areas shown to be at risk of flooding)."		
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	reference number 'WK09' removed from	55
	site name.	
WK10 North of Wellington Avenue		
11. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 46, amend		56
the Developer Requirement relating to environmental designations to read:		
"Demonstration that there will be no		

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adverse effect on the East Caithness Cliffs		
SPA and MPA."		
WK11 Site at The Shore		
12. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 47, add the		56
following Developer Requirements to read:		
"Proposals to maintain the stability of the		
embankment to the rear, and not to		
protrude higher than the top of the bank."		
WK12 Lower Pulteneytown		
13. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 47, amend		56
the Developer Requirements to include:		
"Sensitive siting and design due to being		
within a Conservation Area and due to the		
proximity of Listed Buildings and residential		
properties."		
WK14 Hillhead School		
14. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 42, amend		57
the Settlement Map to include the former		
school playing field within the mixed use		
allocation at WK14.		
15. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 47, amend		57
the allocation for WK14 to read:		
"Use: Mixed Use (Housing, Community)		
Area: 1.3		
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Indicative Housing Capacity: 18".		
16. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 47, add the		57
following Developer Requirement to read:		
"Flood Risk Assessment (no development		
in areas shown to be at risk of flooding)."		
WK16 Land at Francis Street		
17. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 48, amend		57
the Developer Requirements, by deleting		
the words:		
"Flood Risk Assessment may be required		
(no development in areas shown to be at		
risk of flooding)."		
WK19 East of Wick Burial Ground		
18. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 48, add the		58
following Developer Requirement to read:		
"Flood Risk Assessment (no development		
in areas shown to be at risk of flooding)."		
WK22 Wick Harbour		
19. Under the Wick section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Caithness Settlements, page 49, amend	(with Council Change – Additional minor	59
the Developer Requirements relating to	punctuation amendment to improve	
flood risk, environmental designations and	clarity).	
core path, respectively, to read:		
"Flood Risk Assessment required to inform		
layout and design. Only low vulnerability		
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	<ul> <li>uses or operationally essential uses in areas shown to be at risk of flooding, to be accompanied by resilience measures."</li> <li>"Demonstration that there will be no adverse effect on the East Caithness Cliffs SPA and MPA."</li> <li>"Safeguard and improve core path where possible, re-routing may be appropriate.".</li> <li><u>WK23 Wick Industrial Estate</u></li> <li>20. Under the Wick section of the Caithness Settlements (Settlement Map), page 42, identify the woodland area between the existing businesses at the industrial estate and the properties of Hill Avenue and North Road (but excluding the recently approved application 15/03666/FUL) as Expansion of the Green Network.</li> <li>21. Under the Wick section of the Caithness Settlements, page 49, add the following Developer Requirement to read: "Development at the southern part of the WK23 must avoid and where appropriate enhance the woodland area as part of the Green Network."</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 50 Page 59
14 Economic Development Areas	Forss Business and Energy Park 1. Under the Caithness Economic Development Areas section of the	287	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 61

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2nd Place Business a "Expans the west b park and t 2. Under t Developm Caithness Placemaki and Energ "Conside the site by	Settlements, page 52, adjust the making Priority for Forss and Energy Park to read: ion opportunities may exist to etween the business and energy he wind turbines" the Caithness Economic ent Areas section of the Settlements, page 52, add a 4th ng Priority to Forss Business y Park, to read: eration is required of the use of geese connected with the Lochs SPA. Ensure the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 61
maintenan (Primula s location <u>Gills Harbo</u> 3. Under t Developm Caithness sentence a potential a Harbour, t "Current to be addr expansion	ce of the Scottish Primrose cotica) population found at this <u>bur</u> the Caithness Economic ent Areas section of the Settlements, page 54, add a at the end of the 3rd Issue on ccess constraints for Gills	Change as per Reporter Recommendation Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 63 Page

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	Development Areas section of the Caithness Settlements, page 54, add a 3rd Placemaking Priority to Gills Harbour, to read: "Avoid any adverse effect on North Caithness Cliffs SPA."			63
15 Growing Settlements - Caithness	Dunbeath1. Under the Dunbeath section ofCaithness Growing Settlements, page 57,delete the 5 <sup>th</sup> Placemaking Priority andsubstitute:"Protect natural heritage features along thenorth bank of Dunbeath Water,development should avoid any adverseeffect on East Caithness Cliffs SPA, MPAand SAC or Dunbeath Water SSSI."Dunnet	300	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 66
	<ul> <li>2. Under the Dunnet section of Caithness Growing Settlements, page 58, amend the 5<sup>th</sup> Placemaking Priority to read: "Avoid any adverse effect on North Caithness Cliffs SPA or Dunnet Links SSSI". John O'Groats</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 67
	3. Under the John O'Groats section of Caithness Growing Settlements, page 59, add the following Placemaking Priority to read:		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 68

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	<ul> <li>"The restoration of John O'Groats Mill has the potential to form the focus for a range of cultural, commercial and community activities".</li> <li><u>Keiss</u></li> <li>4. Under the Keiss section of Caithness Growing Settlements, page 60, amend the 5<sup>th</sup> Placemaking Priority to read:</li> <li>"Focus future development within or close to the existing village to safeguard the surrounding croftland from ad hoc development, unless there are justifiable reasons in terms of croft management."</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 69
	Latheronwheel 5. Under the Latheronwheel section of Caithness Growing Settlements, page 61, amend the last Placemaking Priority to read: "Avoid any adverse effects on East Caithness Cliffs SAC and SPA and Dunbeath to Sgaps Geo SSSI."		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 70
	<u>Watten</u> 6. Under the Watten section of Caithness Growing Settlements, page 64, amend the 5 <sup>th</sup> Placemaking Priority to read: "Housing opportunities may exist on the east side of Station Road, land immediately north west of the primary school, and east		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 73

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	of Bain Place."			
16 Ardgay	Ardgay general 1. Under the Ardgay section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 67, adjust	307	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 74,
	paragraph 126 to read: "Land behind the public hall could be a potential location for additional car parking to the village, subject to suitable funding being found and having regard to residential amenity and the need for a safe			para 138
	<ul> <li>parking layout being accommodated."</li> <li>2. Under the Ardgay section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 67, adjust the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of paragraph 127 to read: "The Gearrchoille Ancient Woodland is owned by and is in the care of the local community"</li> <li><u>AG03 Ardgay Railway Station Yard North</u></li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 74, para 138
	3. Under the Ardgay section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 69, delete the Developer Requirement for AG03 relating to an otter survey (7 <sup>th</sup> clause), and replace it with a new requirement to read: "Development proposals will require to demonstrate that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Dornoch Firth & Morrich More SAC;" AG04 Ardgay Railway Station Yard South		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 78

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	<ul> <li>4. Under the Ardgay section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 70, delete the Developer Requirement for AG04 relating to an otter survey (8<sup>th</sup> clause), and replace it with a new requirement to read: "Development proposals will require to demonstrate that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Dornoch Firth &amp; Morrich More SAC;"</li> <li>5. Under the Ardgay section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 70, delete the 2 Developer Requirements for AG04 relating to discharge from a private waste water system (6<sup>th</sup> clause), and exploring a possible connection to the public sewer (7<sup>th</sup> clause)."</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 78 Page 78
17 Bonar Bridge	BB01 Cherry Grove:1. Under the Bonar Bridge section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 73, delete the Developer Requirement for BB01 relating to an otter survey (8th clause), and replace it with a new requirement to read: "Development proposals will require to demonstrate that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Dornoch Firth & Morrich More SAC or the River Oykel SAC."2. Under the Bonar Bridge section of the	311	Change as per Reporter Recommendation Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 81 Page

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	Sutherland Settlements, page 73, adjust the 3 <sup>rd</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for BB01, to read: "Design Statement, which includes a landscaping plan, to be prepared to safeguard the landscape features and setting that contribute to the special qualities of the Dornoch Firth NSA"			81
	BB02 South Bonar Industrial Estate: 3. Under the Bonar Bridge section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 73, delete the Developer Requirement for BB03 relating to an otter survey (5 <sup>th</sup> clause).		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 81
18 Brora	Brora General1. Under the Brora section of theSutherland Settlements, page 74, deletethe 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence of paragraph 138 relatingto visitor attractions, and replace it with thefollowing 2 new sentences to read:"There are numerous local visitorattractions based upon the town's coastaland countryside setting and its historicheritage, including those recognised asPlacemaking Priorities. Such attractionsinclude the Heritage Centre, the historicharbour, coastal and riverside footpaths,the whisky distillery and the golf course"	321	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 82, para 150
	2. Under the Brora section of the		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page

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	Sutherland Settlements, page 74, delete the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence of paragraph 139 relating to opportunities for improvements to the existing recreational area, and replace it with the following new sentence to read: "However there are opportunities to enhance the existing recreational area by the promotion and maintenance of the adjacent core path, the maintenance of a green corridor along the River Brora and the provision of new or improved changing facilities." <u>BR01 Rosslyn Street</u> 3. Under the Brora section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 76, delete the Developer Requirement relating to the		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	82, para 151 Page 85
	the Developer Requirement relating to the SSSI (3 <sup>rd</sup> clause) and replace it with a new requirement to read: "Avoid intrusion into, and adverse impacts on, the Inverbrora SSSI and the Brora Geological Conservation Review site." <u>BR03 East Brora Muir</u> 4. Under the Brora section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 76, delete the Developer Requirement relating to the masterplan (4 <sup>th</sup> clause) and replace it with a new requirement to read:		Change as per Reporter Recommendation (with Council Change: additional minor grammatical amendment made).	Page 85

a new requirement to read: "...A masterplan is necessary to prevent

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	<ul> <li>piecemeal development and it is to set out the future phasing and layout of the site and show a co-ordinated approach to the implementation of any requirements of the Transport Statement and reflect the preferred community use for allotments" <u>BR05 Scotia House</u></li> <li>5. Under the Brora section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 77, delete the Developer Requirement in BR05 relating to a flood risk assessment (3<sup>rd</sup> clause).</li> <li><u>BR06 Former Mackay's Garage</u></li> <li>6. Under the Brora section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 77, delete the Developer Requirement relating to the SSSI (4<sup>th</sup> clause) and replace it with a new requirement to read:</li> <li>"Avoid intrusion into, and adverse impacts on, the Inverbrora SSSI and the Brora Geological Conservation Review site"</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 86 Page 86
19 Dornoch	N/A		Council Change – Within the Placemaking Priorities for Dornoch, changed "Donroch" to "Dornoch" in the second bullet point.	Page 88
	DN01 Meadows Park Road	331	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page

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	<ol> <li>Under the Dornoch section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 82, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for DN01 to read:</li> <li>"Development proposals will require to identify what measures will be put in place to ensure that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Dornoch Firth &amp; Morrich More SAC and the Dornoch Firth &amp; Loch Fleet SPA through increased disturbance of species and habitat damage caused by increased recreational use of the area by residents of the new housing." <u>DN02 Bishopsfield</u></li> <li>Under the Dornoch section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 82, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for DN02 to read:</li> <li>"Development proposals will require to identify what measures will be put in place to ensure that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Dornoch Firth &amp; Morrich More SAC and the Dornoch Firth &amp; Morrich More SAC and the Dornoch Firth &amp; Loch Fleet SPA through increased disturbance of species and habitat damage caused by increased recreational use of the area by residents of the new housing." <u>DN03 Dornoch South Abattoir Site</u></li> </ol>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	90 Page 90

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3. Under the Dornoch section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 82, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for DN03 to read: "Development proposals will require to identify what measures will be put in place to ensure that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Dornoch Firth & Morrich More SAC and the Dornoch Firth & Loch Fleet SPA through increased disturbance of species and habitat damage caused by increased recreational use of the area by residents of the new housing."	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 91
4. Under the Dornoch section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 82, adjust the range of Uses to be allowed on DN03 by adding Leisure.	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 91
<ul> <li>5. Under the Dornoch section of the Sutherland Settlements, pages 82 and 83, adjust point 2 of the 8<sup>th</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for DN03, to read:</li> <li>"Greenfield areas of the site are only suitable for types of recreation and leisure uses which are less vulnerable to flood risk"</li> <li>DN04 Dornoch North</li> </ul>	Change as per Reporter Recommendation and 'Indicative Housing Capacity: N/A' added to DN03 site table for clarification	Page 91
6. Under the Dornoch section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page

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	Sutherland Settlements, page 83, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for DN04 to read: "Development proposals will require to identify what measures will be put in place to ensure that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Dornoch Firth & Morrich More SAC and the Dornoch Firth & Loch Fleet SPA through increased disturbance of species and habitat damage caused by increased recreational use of the area by residents of the new housing."			92
20 Edderton	No modifications.	335	N/A	
21 Golspie	No modifications.	338		
	N/A		Council Change – 'Indicative Housing Capacity: N/A' added to GP05 site table for clarification	Page 100
22 Helmsdale	HD03 Simpson Crescent1. Under the Helmsdale section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 95, adjust the 2 <sup>nd</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for HD03 to read: "Provide a buffer comprising of an enhanced green network between residential development and the seaward	345	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 103

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	edge of the site;" <u>HD04 Shore Street</u> 2. Under the Helmsdale section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 96, adjust the 2 <sup>nd</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for HD04 to read: "Flood Risk Assessment required to inform layout and design. Only low vulnerability uses or operationally essential uses in areas shown to be at risk from flooding, to be accompanied by resilience measures;"		Change as per Reporter Recommendation and 'Indicative Housing Capacity: N/A' added to HD04 site table for clarification	Page 104
23 Lairg	Lairg General 1. Under the Lairg section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 97, add the following 3 sentences to paragraph 168 to read: "The area is a key focal point for Lairg and the local community is keen to enhance the range of facilities on the site for both the community and tourists. Some car parking should be retained, but there may be potential to provide picnic tables, a children's play area, a tourist information point/interpretation and a local craft hub. The opportunity should be taken to link into the recently improved Church Hill wooded path."	350	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 104, para 180

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	Placemaking Priorities 2. Under the Lairg section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 97, delete the third bullet point from the Placemaking Priorities relating to the River Oykel SAC.		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 105
24 Lochinver	LV01 Former Sheep Pens North of Inver Park 1. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 104, adjust the last clause of the Developer Requirements for LV01 to read: "Careful siting, design and layout to safeguard sensitive landscape setting."	361	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 112
	<ul> <li><u>LV02 Cnoc A'Mhuilin</u></li> <li>2. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 104, divide the 1<sup>st</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for LV02 into 2, each reading:</li> <li>"Design statement to be prepared to safeguard the landscape features that contribute to the special qualities of the Assynt-Coigach NSA, in particular the landform and landscape setting of the surroundings; Separately, the design statement should address, to the satisfaction of the Council, the setting in relation to the nearby listed buildings;"</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 112

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3. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 104, add the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 112
following new clause to the Developer		112
Requirements for LV02 to read:		
"Sensitive siting and design to safeguard		
residential amenity."		
LV03 Canisp Road		
4. Under the Lochinver section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Sutherland Settlements, page 104, add the		113
following new clause to the Developer		
Requirements for LV03 to read:		
"Flood Risk Assessment (no		
development in areas shown to be at risk		
of flooding);"		_
5. Under the Lochinver section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Sutherland Settlements, page 104, adjust		113
the 5 <sup>th</sup> clause of the Developer		
Requirements for LV03 to read:		
"Design statement and sensitive layout (including planting) to safeguard sensitive		
landscape setting;"		
LV04 Culag Wood		
6. Under the Lochinver section of the	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page
Sutherland Settlements, page 105, add the		113
following 2 new clauses to the Developer		
Requirements for LV04 to read:		
"Flood Risk Assessment may be		
required (no development in areas shown		

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to be at risk of flooding); Peat assessment and management plan may be required." 7. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 105, adjust	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 113
the penultimate clause of the Developer Requirements for LV04 to read: "Design statement to safeguard the sensitive landscape setting;" LV05 West of the Coastguard Station 8. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 105, adjust the 6 <sup>th</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for LV05 to read:	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 113
"Careful siting, design and layout to safeguard sensitive landscape setting;" <u>LV06 Land Adjacent to Assynt Leisure</u> <u>Centre</u> 9. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 105, delete the 3 <sup>rd</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for LV06, which states "Flood Risk Assessment (no development	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 114
in areas shown to be at risk of flooding;" 10. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 105, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for LV06 to read: "Careful siting, design and layout to	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 114

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	safeguard sensitive landscape setting."			
	LV07 Culag Harbour 11. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 105, adjust the Developer Requirement for LV07 to		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 114
	read: "Flood Risk Assessment required to inform layout and design. Only low vulnerability uses or operationally essential uses in areas shown to be at risk of flooding, to be accompanied by resilience measures." 12. Under the Lochinver section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 105, add the following new clause to the Developer Requirements for LV07 to read: "Careful siting, design and layout to safeguard sensitive landscape setting."		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 114
25 Tongue	<u>TG02 North of Varich Place</u> 1. Under the Tongue section of the Sutherland Settlements, page 108, adjust the 2 <sup>nd</sup> clause of the Developer Requirements for TG02 to read: "Development should be supported by a design statement to safeguard the sensitive landscape setting;"	371	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 117
	N/A		Council Change – Spelling of site name of TG02 changed from "Varrich Place" to	Page 117

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			"Varich Place.	
26 Growing Settlements - Sutherland	Durness 1. Under the Durness section of Sutherland Growing Settlements, page	379	Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 120
	111, add two further Placemaking Priorities to read: "Crofting in the parish of Durness should continue to be recognised as playing an important role for the community"; and "Development should minimise the loss of traditionally crofted inbye land which provides suitable habitat for corncrake." Kinlochbervie			
	<ul> <li>2. Under the Kinlochbervie section of Sutherland Growing Settlements, page 114, amend the 4<sup>th</sup> Placemaking Priority on page 114 of the Plan to read:</li> <li>"Direct development to infill sites, and prevent sprawl of the settlement into the surrounding countryside, unless there are justifiable reasons in terms of croft management." Melvich</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 122
	<ul> <li>3. Under the Melvich section of</li> <li>Sutherland Growing Settlements, page</li> <li>117, add a further Placemaking Priority to read:</li> <li>"Crofting should continue to be recognised</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 125

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	<ul> <li>as playing an important role for the community".</li> <li><u>Portskerra</u></li> <li>4. Under the Portskerra section of Sutherland Growing Settlements, page 118, add a further Placemaking Priority to read:</li> <li>"Crofting should continue to be recognised as playing an important role for the community".</li> </ul>		Change as per Reporter Recommendation	Page 126
27 Other Issues Raised	No modifications.	384	N/A	
	N/A		Council Change – Minor grammatical amendments made to the Glossary.	Pages 131 - 136
28 Action Programme	No modifications.	386	N/A	