**DORNOCH COMMON GOOD**

**PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE, BY LEASE, OF AN AREA OF COMMON GOOD LAND TO EAST SUTHERLAND RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

**REPRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSES**

**Representations**

The Council received 5 representations in response to the publication of the consultation document. 4 of the 5 were fully supportive of the proposal. The remaining response was supportive of the service and the need for more space for equipment, training and facilities but raised some concerns and additional comments – see below.

**Questions raised and the Council’s responses**

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| **Questions/issues/concerns** | **Council’s response** |
| Concern regarding size of the new building – 3 times the size of existing building and 2 storeys. Will it be architecturally sympathetic to the beach? | ESRA has confirmed that the design of the building will be architecturally sympathetic to a beach location. The proposed building is planned to be just under twice the size of the existing boatshed with the intention that the second storey will be the same height as the existing building. Design has been driven by health and safety concerns due to the cramped size of the current building. The intention is that the new building will include toilets, showers, changing/drying rooms, kitchen, training room, first aid facilities and an operations room for multi-agency co-operation.  There will be a further consultation in due course under the planning legislation. |
| Is the proposed location the most appropriate? Were other locations considered? | Full consideration was given to location and it was decided that the existing location remains the most suitable as it is closer to the beach for launch and provides a viewing location of the beach and surrounding Firth. Consideration was also given to what was best for other beach users and accessibility for ESRA members, the majority of who reside locally. |
| Proposal is to retain the existing shed for storage – responder would prefer to see this being removed. | The plan remains to retain the existing boatshed for storage and maintenance at this time. |
| Can the toilets in the new building be accessible to the public? If not, why not? | This was considered but ruled out due to the cost implications for insurance, cleaning and maintenance together with the extra cost of providing a public suitable toilet facility. |