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Attachments: [Draft Settlement Hierarchy.doc](#)

Morag,

In respect of the below request the Council offer the following response to the first part;

"The Council recognise the role of Nairn in the settlement hierarchy as a major contributor to the spatial strategy. Given recent and forthcoming developments in Nairn it is considered that Nairn meets the criteria of a sub-regional centre."

I also attach a draft of the settlement hierarchy to be contained in the appendix.

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Brian

Under Issue 92, Chapter 14, Nairn, in the council's summary reference is made to representation 267 with regard to the settlement hierarchy. However, in the original representation the first objection is that the Nairn strategy fails to appropriately recognise the town's existing/planned role within the settlement hierarchy. It requests that Nairn be upgraded from a local to a sub-regional centre.

Could the council please provide a response to this specific point.

Under Issue 41 the council response refers to a draft appendix setting out a settlement hierarchy. Please send a copy of this, as it cannot be traced.

An early response would be appreciated preferably within the next day or two.

Regards

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Appendix 6.2 Settlement Hierarchy

Regional Centre Functions

	Inverness
3G Mobile Phone Network Availability	X
Airport with European Connections	X
Archive Centre	X
Arts and Culture Facilities	X
Broadband Provision	X
Conference Facilities	X
Connections to Long Distance Footpaths/Cycle Routes	X
Direct access to road based transport connections linking to the rest of the UK	X
Higher/Further Education Facilities	X
Hospital with Accident and Emergency Department	X
Large Scale Industry	X
Library	X
Main Post Office	X
Major Food Superstore (over 2,500m ²)	X
Multi-Screen Cinema	X
Museum	X
Park and Ride Facilities	X
Public Transport Interchange	
Regional Scale Sports Facilities	X
Regional Tourism Gateway	X
Specialist Comparison Retailing	X
Specialist Office Accommodation	X
Strategic Open Spaces	X

Sub-Regional Centre Functions

	South East Ross	North East Caithness	Skye	South West Highland	South East Sutherland	Nairn
3G Mobile Phone Network Availability						X
Air Connections		X		X		
Arts and Culture Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
Broadband Provision	X	X	X	X	X	X
Connections to Long Distance Footpaths/Cycle Routes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Direct access to road based transport connections linking to the rest of the UK	X	X	X	X	X	X
Food Superstore (less than 2,000m ²)	X	X	X	X	X	X
General Hospital	X	X		X	X	X
Higher/Further Education Centre	X	X	X	X	X	
Library	X	X	X	X	X	X
Medium-Large sized Industrial area	X	X	X	X	X	X
Non-Food and Bulk Goods Retail	X			X		X
Office Accommodation	X	X	X	X	X	X
Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X
Public transport Linkages to Regional Centre	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sports Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
Strategic Open Spaces	X	X		X	X	X
Tourist Information Centre	X	X	X	X	X	X
Train Station	X	X		X	X	X

Sub-Regional Centres may be groups of settlements which have similar characteristics and compliment each other and are within a reasonable distance of each other. Below is the list of the settlements which make up each of the sub-regional centres, the sub-regional centres can comprise of a number of local centres.

South East Ross

Dingwall
Alness
Invergordon

North East Caithness

Thurso
Wick

Skye

Portree

South West Highland

Fort William

South East Sutherland

Dornoch
Golspie
Brora
Helmsdale

Nairn

Nairn

Local Centre Functions

	Thurso*	Wick*	Beaulieu	Muir of Ord	Drumnadrochit	Alness*	Nairn*	Invergordon*	Tain	Dornoch*	Lairg	Golspie*	Brora*	Helmsdale*	Bethhill	Kinlochbervie	Durness	Ullapool	Gairloch	Lochcarron	Kyle of Lochalsh	Portree*	Broadford	Acharacle	Strontian	Kinlochleven	Fort William*	Fort Augustus	Culloden
Public Transport to Regional Centre	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X				X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Fuel Filling Station	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Bank	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Secondary School	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X		X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Health Centre	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			X	X			X	X	X	X
Super/Mini-Market	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Office Accommodation	X	X				X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X				X	X				X		X
Small Scale Business/Industrial	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X		X	X	X		X
Broadband Provision	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fit for Purpose Open Space	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sports and Leisure Facilities	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X			X			X	X			X				X		X	X
Tourist Information	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	

* Part of a Sub Regional Centre