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Dear Ms Smith,

**HIGHLAND WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION –  
ISSUE 33 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

In reference to the reporters request for further information regarding the above issue the Council, the detail of the reporter's information request has been replicated below for context;

*"The reporter requests the following information:*

- (i) In the sixth paragraph of policy 33, what is meant by "the primary landholding"?*
- (ii) In the sixth paragraph of policy 33, what is meant by "a contribution"?*
- (iii) What is to prevent this part of the policy being circumvented by a subdivision of the landholding, or by other changes in ownership arrangements?*
- (iv) Is this part of the policy intended to operate in perpetuity from the date of adoption of the plan? (v) By way of illustration, if, on the same landholding, one house is permitted in year 1, a second in, say, year 6, and a third in, say, year 11, does that mean that an application for a fourth house in, say year 16, would incur a requirement for "a contribution towards affordable homes"? If so, what scale of contribution would be sought?"*

**Council Response**

- (i) The primary landholding refers to the wider ownership of a landowner/land estate.
- (ii) The contribution would be calculated in a comparable way to that as a single larger scale proposal.
- (iii) The policy does rely on the integrity of the landowner to a degree, although the land registry may be utilised to ascertain where land has been transferred to avoid the application of the policy.
- (iv) The policy will be subject of review in line with the rest of the plan at five yearly intervals.
- (v) Applications of the nature described can take place concurrently across a wider ownership but also housing plots can be released over a period of years by landowners. It would be reasonable to constrain the consideration of the requirement to that of the plan period.

I trust this response meets the requirement set out in the original request.

Yours sincerely

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