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Dear Mr McKenzie

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT PLANNING)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008
HIGHLAND COUNCIL – HIGHLAND WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

I am writing regarding Highland Wide Local Development Plan which has been submitted to DPEA for examination by Scottish Ministers. Under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 the appointed reporters can request, by way of notice, further information in connection with the examination. This letter is a notice under Regulation 22.

The reporters have identified that further information, as listed below, should be provided by the council. It would be helpful if you could send this information to me, to pass on to the reporter, by 19 September 2011.

Issue 72 Safeguarding of Waste Management Sites

This request arises from representations made in relation to policy 72 and figure 9.

Policy 72 of the proposed plan makes reference to "Figure 8". As noted in representation 26, this appears to be a misprint, and the correct reference is to figure 9. What follows in this request assumes use of the correct number.

Policy 72 begins “Existing, former and allocated strategic waste management sites (identified on Figure 9)...”. Figure 9 shows sites of existing and proposed waste facilities. It seems to the reporters that there are the following inconsistencies:

1. Figure 9 refers to “waste facilities” rather than “strategic waste management sites”; and
2. Figure 9 shows sites of existing and proposed waste facilities, but does not show sites of former facilities.

It seems to the reporters that, if the term “waste facilities” and the term “strategic waste management sites” have the same meaning, the plan should use one term or the other, not both. If there is a difference in meaning, the reporters need an explanation.

It also seems to the reporters that the council’s intention with regard to policy 72 may be to safeguard only existing and “allocated” sites. If this is correct, it may be that the reference to “former” sites might be omitted, thus resolving the second inconsistency. If the intention is in fact to safeguard former sites as well, it seems to the reporters that it might be appropriate for the plan to identify the former sites, bearing in mind that figure 9 already identifies the other categories of site.

The reporters request the following information:

- (a) Is there a difference between “strategic waste management sites” as mentioned in policy 72 and “waste facilities” as shown on figure 9?
- (b) If there is no difference, and both terms have the same meaning, which term would the council prefer to use if the reporters decided to recommend use of a single term?
- (c) If there is a difference, please explain what it is.
- (d) Is policy 72 intended to safeguard only existing and allocation sites?
- (e) If the answer to the previous question is ‘no’, and the policy is intended to safeguard former sites, how might the plan identify the location of the former sites?

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that it and, in due course, the council’s responses, have been posted on the council’s website. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you would like to clarify.

Yours sincerely

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