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Date: 6 October, 2011

Our Ref: CM/YM/HWLDP

Dear Ms Smith

JOHN GORDON & SON SAWMILL

HIGHLAND WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION 28th SEPTEMBER 2011

## **ISSUE 18 NAIRN SOUTH**

We refer to the above and to your e-mail dated 2 September, 2011 in response to our letter dated 30 August, 2011.

We - in the company of our client - attended the entirety of the Examination proceedings and announced our presence and willingness to participate if invited. In the event we were not called.

Whilst we appreciate the consideration given by the Reporters to our concern expressed in earlier correspondence about our client's omission from the participants invited to take part in the Examination; matters did evolve in the course of discussion and you will appreciate our client's concern for their interests in view of the submissions heard and the material accepted on the day.

We understand that it is the Reporters' prerogative to seek further (written) representations if they wish. In the circumstances - having regard to our client's participation in the Council's mediation meeting on 13 January 2011 that involved the two other parties with an interest in matters relating to Nairn South (the Minute of which we understand the Reporters have and that our clients were the only party of the three not to be heard at the Examination - we believe our response to the submissions made in relation to Issue 18 could be helpful.

In that regard, certain matters raised have serious implications for the sawmill. We therefore wish to make further representations and would be most grateful of that opportunity.

Notwithstanding, regarding the scope of the Highland Wide Local Development Plan and the status of the Nairnshire Local Plan, it will be in the knowledge of the Reporters that the Nairnshire Local Plan Chapter 4, para. 16 refers "the Council will expect to enter Section 75 Agreement with

landowners and developers to secure access improvements including (i) closing-off Balblair Road; and (ii) a new distributor link road with Cawdor Road; and that the cross-reference with para. 13 directly links these provisions with the "orderly expansion of the town" on land reserved at Balblair which is now manifested as the proposals for Nairn South.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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