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Dear Ms Hollas,

**HIGHLAND WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION –
POLICY 48 SAFEGUARDING INBYE/APPORTIONED CROFTLAND**

I write in response to the request for further information of 4 August 2011 in regard to the above.

The principles of Policy 48 should apply to all development types, however it is recognised that the wording of the first paragraph does not convey that the policy applies to all development types and therefore the Council suggests a revised wording. In addition the Schedule 4 statement submitted in respect of Policy 48 recommends a change to include a link to Policy 36 Housing in the Countryside to clarify what is meant by a single house proposal. This proposed change is also incorporated in the suggested wording set out below for the Reporters consideration.

Suggest replace first paragraph with;

'The Council expects development proposals to minimise the loss of in-bye/apportioned croft land. For housing proposals, these should be for single houses (with consideration given to the history of development on the croft and any subdivision) and should accord with the Siting and Design Guidance. All proposals should where possible, avoid:'

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

Yours sincerely

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