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Dear Mr MacKenzie

## **HIGHLAND WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONFORMITY WITH PARTICIPATION STATEMENT**

In carrying out our examination under Section 19(4) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) we are required to examine:

*“the extent to which the planning authority’s actions with regard to consultation and the involvement of the public at large as respects the proposed plan have conformed with (or have been beyond the requirements of) the participation statement of the authority which was current when the proposed plan was published under section 18(1)(a).”*

The council has provided detail to inform this assessment through its “Report of Conformity with the Participation Statement”. This is focused on the statements under the section “How can I get involved?” as set out on page 12 of the Highland Development Plan Scheme 2010.

However, the reporter notes that on page 6 of this report under the heading “The next step – the proposed plan” the council also states that:

*“we will be contacting everyone who has responded to the main issues report and any landowner affected by the land allocations on the proposals maps.”*

For the avoidance of doubt, I would appreciate if you could provide details of the extent to which the council has complied with this intention.

The reporter appreciates that the council's report of conformity refers to an e mail and letter being sent out to all parties on the development plan mailing list. However, clarification is requested as to whether this list included all who responded to the issues report.

The council also refers to compliance with Circular 1/2009 and the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) Scotland Regulations 2008. The regulations require the notification of landowners and the circular explains that this requirement applies where there are identifiable premises within the site. In this context, further detail is requested on the council's approach to the notification of landowners.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely

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