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Dear Scott

The Highland Council Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA): Final appraisal by the Centre for Housing Market Analysis (CHMA)

Following the CHMA's initial appraisal of The Highland Council's HNDA of 3 September 2021 and subsequent discussions, we would like to thank you on behalf of the Scottish Government for agreeing to make the necessary amendments and clarifications requested.

The CHMA has reviewed these against the recommendations of our initial appraisal and, on this basis, the CHMA now considers that the process and methodology used to produce The Highland Council's HNDA are robust and credible.

Should the HNDA process or methodology be challenged during Examination of the Local Development Plan (LDP) it should be ensured that this appraisal is drawn to the attention of the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government at the point that the LDP is submitted to Scottish Ministers.

The CHMA recommends that the HNDA and our appraisals are made available to your stakeholders and our suggestion is that they should be published online. Whilst this is at your discretion, it should be seen as good practice.

Yours sincerely

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