

Gairloch



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| 14 | - | Mr F W Elder [Written Submissions] |
| 66 | - | Scottish Water [Written Submissions] |

BACKGROUND

1. Gairloch is one of the larger settlements in Wester Ross, and is situated on the north side of the head of Loch Gairloch.
2. The **first objector** considered that additional house building proposed in the plan generally, and for Gairloch in particular, would have ramifications throughout the area, particularly in respect of health care, waste and waste water disposal, education, transport and tourism.
3. The **council** set out the means used for calculating housing numbers both for the plan area as a whole and more specifically for Gairloch, and explained in some detail how the effects on each of the issues raised would be accommodated.
4. There was no mention under Development Factors in the Proposals Map Gairloch Inset of any reference to the water supply capacity. The **second objector** considered that there should be, particularly as the Ullapool Inset already contained such a reference.
5. The **council** agreed. It therefore proposed a modification to include the following as an additional Development Factor on the Gairloch Inset Map (additional text shown underlined):

“• Water supply capacity will require upgrading (possibly as part of Scottish Water’s post-2006 investment programme.”
6. On this basis, the second objector withdrew the objection.

CONCLUSIONS

7. In relation to the **first objection**, there was no further response received from the objector following the council’s careful and comprehensive explanation of the matters raised. Accordingly, it would appear that even if the objector’s apprehensions have not been fully allayed, at the least the council’s response has provided an explanation for the concerns raised. In the circumstances, there appears to be no need for any further comment in this report.
8. As to the **second objection**, whatever the reason for the omission, the council’s proposed modification evidently corrects the position to the objector’s satisfaction.

RECOMMENDATION

9. I therefore recommend that the council's proposed modification, as shown in paragraph 5 above, be incorporated into the plan for adoption.