

Lochcarron/ Strathcarron



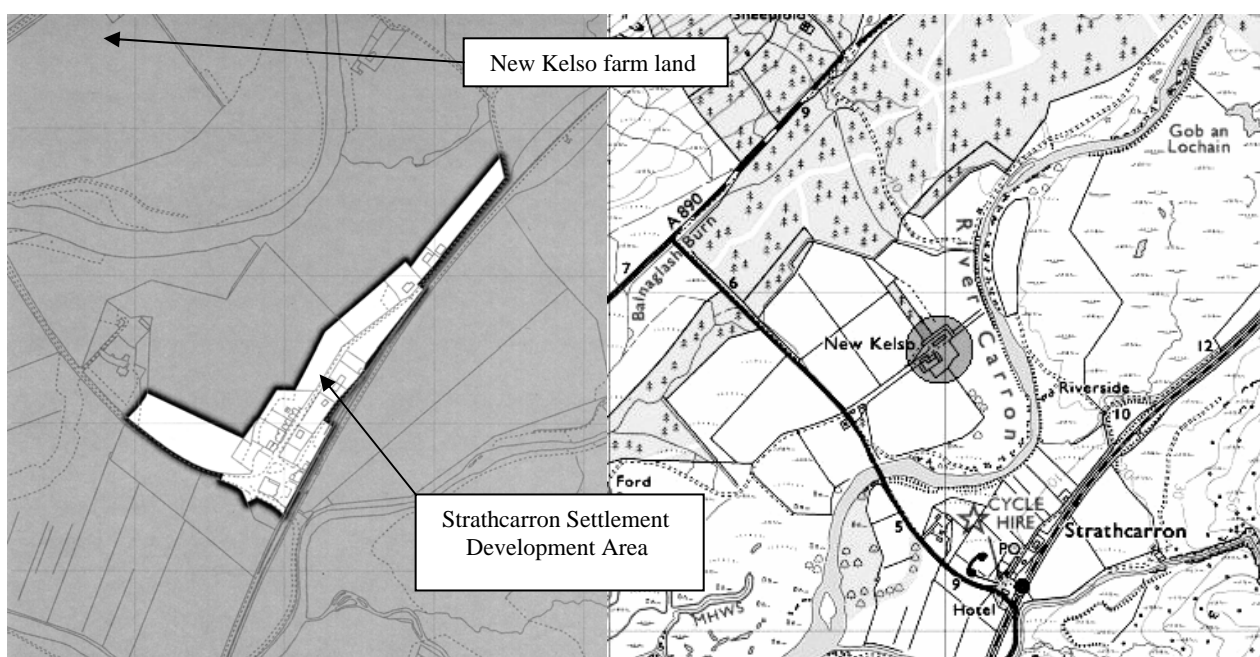
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27 - Mr Shaun Macdonald [Written Submissions]

BACKGROUND

1. New Kelso Farm, together with its farm land, lies to the north of Strathcarron at the junction of the A890 and the A896 (see location plan below right). Outwith the Settlement



Extract from Proposals Map Strathcarron Inset showing relationship of Strathcarron Settlement Development Area and land at New Kelso Farm

Extract from Ordnance Survey showing location of New Kelso Farm

Development Area of Strathcarron, it lies in an area identified as countryside of low sensitivity in the deposit draft Wester Ross Local Plan (see extract from Proposals Map Strathcarron Inset above left).

2. The **objector** considered that an open field at New Kelso farm, currently used for grazing purposes, would be suitable for a modest amount of housing, as there was already some development on the land.

3. The **council** outlined the strategy of the plan, confirmed that provision had been made for sufficient housing allocations within the Lochcarron Settlement Development Area, and advised that, if development were proposed on the objector's land, it would be assessed either under

Policy 2.1 of the plan (now Policy 1 – see Appendices 1 and 2 to this report), or under structure plan Policy B7 (Business Development in Rural Areas).

CONCLUSIONS

4. As can be seen from the extract plans shown on the previous page, the farm land at New Kelso is separated from the Strathcarron Settlement Development Area by the River Carron. It therefore lies within the countryside to the north of it. The council has confirmed that there is no need for the land to be allocated for housing purposes and any development proposal being introduced after the plan's adoption would require to be assessed under the its countryside policies.

5. There appears to be no sound reason for any other view, and none has been promoted by the objector.

RECOMMENDATION

6. Accordingly, I recommend that no alteration be made to the deposit draft local plan as a result of this objection.