

# ***Poolewe***



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## **BACKGROUND**

1. Poolewe is one of the larger settlements in Wester Ross, and is situated at the south end of Loch Ewe.
2. The **objectors** considered that additional house building proposed in the plan for the Poolewe area was excessive following extensive building in Gairloch, Poolewe and Aultbea. Further housing, particularly development by housing associations, would have ramifications throughout the area, particularly in respect of health care, education, and infrastructure. In particular, there was a need for the issue of employment to be resolved before the increase in housing could be supported.
3. The **council** set out the means used for calculating housing numbers both for the plan area as a whole and more specifically for Poolewe, which had been identified as a priority community for affordable housing. The council described in some detail how the effects on each of the issues raised would be accommodated and explained how an existing need for at least eight additional affordable homes in Poolewe had been identified.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

4. There was no further response received from the objectors following the council's careful and comprehensive explanation of the matters raised. Accordingly, it would appear that even if the objectors' apprehensions have not been fully allayed, at the least the council's response has provided an explanation for many of the concerns raised. In the circumstances, there appears to be no need for any further comment in this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

5. I therefore recommend that no change be made to the deposit draft Wester Ross Local Plan in respect of this objection.