

Miscellaneous Matters



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BACKGROUND

1. A number of objectors took the opportunity to lodge objections to matters which were either unrelated to the Deposit Draft of the local plan, or in relation to other planning matters within the Highland area. In particular, matters were raised which were either statistical or of background information to those appearing in the plan. Where the information is relevant to the topics raised, the objections have been taken into account, but otherwise, they appear below.

SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIONS

2. Some of the matters raised were:

- The use of the word “should” as used in (different parts of) the plan lacked definition.
- Public transport to Dingwall or Inverness comprised a single bus which left at 8.00am and returned at 7.30pm on six days in the week.
- Buses on Saturdays were usually full and the viability of adding a second bus was raised.
- Car parking problems were dreadful, especially in the holiday season.
- There were no plans to remedy the remaining miles of the single-track road access to the area.
- With European Union assistance removed, road funding would be used on the main roads, leaving roads in the Wester Ross area to be patched and repaired.
- Repairs to the Lochcarron Road had required to be carried out twice due to poor workmanship.
- There were no land fill sites in the area, so waste had to be transported to the east coast.
- New employment ventures in the area would probably be confined to cottage industries as third world countries manufactured products without taking their labour costs into account.
- A rejuvenation of businesses was required to stop the flow of population leaving the Lochcarron area.

- There was a shortage of amenities for all age groups in the area, especially for the young.
- If crime or social problems were to be introduced to the area, the tourist trade would be affected.
- House building was of disadvantage to the tourist trade.
- It was rumoured that a Compulsory Purchase Order had been served on a site at Kirkton, Lochcarron
- The area of a council-owned site at Kirkton, Lochcarron was queried.
- Details of the allocation of affordable housing on the housing waiting list.
- The base map showed an existing footpath which was disputed.
- Three haulage drivers, two with young children, were required to live in caravans being unable to find other accommodation.
- Extension of the Gairloch primary school would entail building into the sports field.
- A Gairloch doctor had wished to retire but had been unable to find a replacement. The District Nurses at Gairloch were at full stretch and needed extra staff. Appointments with the Gairloch chiropodist were three to four months apart; if an appointment was missed, it took six to eight months to have another agreed.
- There was a failure to display posters, which was a poor advertising method anyway.
- If planners were to have a maxim, it should be “More means worse”.

RECOMMENDATION

3. For the reasons set out above, I make no recommendation in relation to these matters.