

Information Notice, sent 18 September 2024

Dear Ward 05 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Councillors,

I am contacting you on behalf of Gairloch Community Council and Gairloch Area Development Trust. Our local community has prepared a draft Local Place Plan for the Gairloch Community Council Area.

We are legally required to send each local authority Councillor for our Local Place Plan area (which lies in Ward 05) the information below. This is to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. This email constitutes the 'Information Notice' to local Councillors required by those Regulations.

This Information Notice is therefore being sent to the following Councillors:
Cllr Chris Britt, Cllr Isabelle Campbell, Cllr Liz Kraft, Cllr Patrick Logue.

1. Proposed Local Place Plan

The draft Gairloch Local Place Plan is [available for download](#).

We would ask that you would provide any feedback that you want to give via our [online survey form](#) or email erin@pas.org.uk.

We will be hosting a face-to-face feedback session, open to the community on Monday 7 October, 6pm – 7pm, in Gairloch Community Hall. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

If/when you do submit a response, please follow the question prompts and indicate that you are a Councillor and enter your name as appropriate.

2. Brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed Local Place Plan

The draft Local Place Plan covers the area of the Gairloch Community Council Area.

The draft Local Place Plan contains 11 proposals aligned with the following 5 themes, as follows:

Services and Facilities:

SF1. Develop sports and recreation facilities on the Glebe

SF2. Create a better outdoor play facility for children

Homes

H1. Build more affordable housing and social housing

H2. Improve management of short term lets

Connected communities

CC1. Extend network of cycle/walk routes

CC2.Develop new parking facilities and extend existing areas

CC3.Create a bike hire facility

Local Economy

LE1.Create a shared working space/business hub

LE2.Develop improved facilities for tourists

LE3. Develop infrastructure for internet and phone connection

Thriving natural environment

NE1.Protect areas of natural beauty

The document lays out in draft form a Local Place Plan (LPP) for the Gairloch Area. The plan has been prepared by local people to lay out a vision for the Gairloch area, shaped by input from the whole community. The plan focusses on how development happens in our place, and how the use of land and buildings should be enabled or regulated. Our hope is that it provides workable solutions to make the Gairloch area function well, improve our wellbeing, and make it an even better place to live.

The main goal of the LPP is to influence the statutory document that controls development and the use of land and buildings in our area, which is called the Local Development Plan (LDP). The next Local Development Plan for Highland Council is currently being prepared. We want to put forward our ideas and vision as that plan is shaped. And we want to invite you to offer your feedback to our plan.

3. Information as to how and to whom any representations on the content of the proposed Local Place Plan should be made and the date by which they should be made.

If you have comments on our proposed Local Place Plan, please email submit them via our [online survey form](#) or email erin@pas.org.uk.

The deadline for comments is **Midnight on Wednesday 16 October 2024.**

This deadline observes the 28-period for comments required by statute.

Please let us know if you have any queries by email erin@pas.org.uk

Kind regards,

Erin Fulton - Community Development & Youth Manager

On behalf of the Gairloch Area LPP Steering Group: Karen Buchanan (Secretary - Gairloch Community Council); Alex Gray (Treasurer – Gairloch Community Council); Fran Cree (Secretary – Gairloch Area Development); Douglas Gibson (Gairloch Area Development)

Wednesday 18 September 2024