

Position in Settlement Hierarchy	Small Village
2005 Estimated Population	26
Housing Completions 2000-2006	2
Primary School Capacity/Secondary School Capacity	50% / 84%
Water Capacity	Limited spare capacity
Sewerage Capacity	Limited spare capacity

**Prospects**

Invershin is a small centre which sustains important local facilities. The existing settlement pattern is one where houses are dispersed in a linear pattern along the A836.

The only allocation in Invershin is at the Former Balblair workings, a disused and partly re-instated sand and gravel quarry. There is already one outline planning permission for a house on this site, and a tentative proposal has been brought forward through the course of the local plan review.

This site offers the opportunity to provide a small number of houses each with a land holding, rather than large numbers of typical residential plots. It is identified in recognition of the circumstances of the site and its location where development of it can strengthen the local community.

Whilst this development would not be similar to the existing settlement pattern, it would reuse a brownfield site and provide a different type of housing to that provided elsewhere. It would also offer housing at a very low density. Any development here would need to demonstrate that it was sympathetic to the surrounding environment. The Affordable Housing Policy will be applied here as it would in any other site. There is no public drainage system in the area.

**Development Factors**

- Low downward emission design street lights;
- Beside River Oykel SAC;
- Numerous new accesses onto the A836 should be avoided.

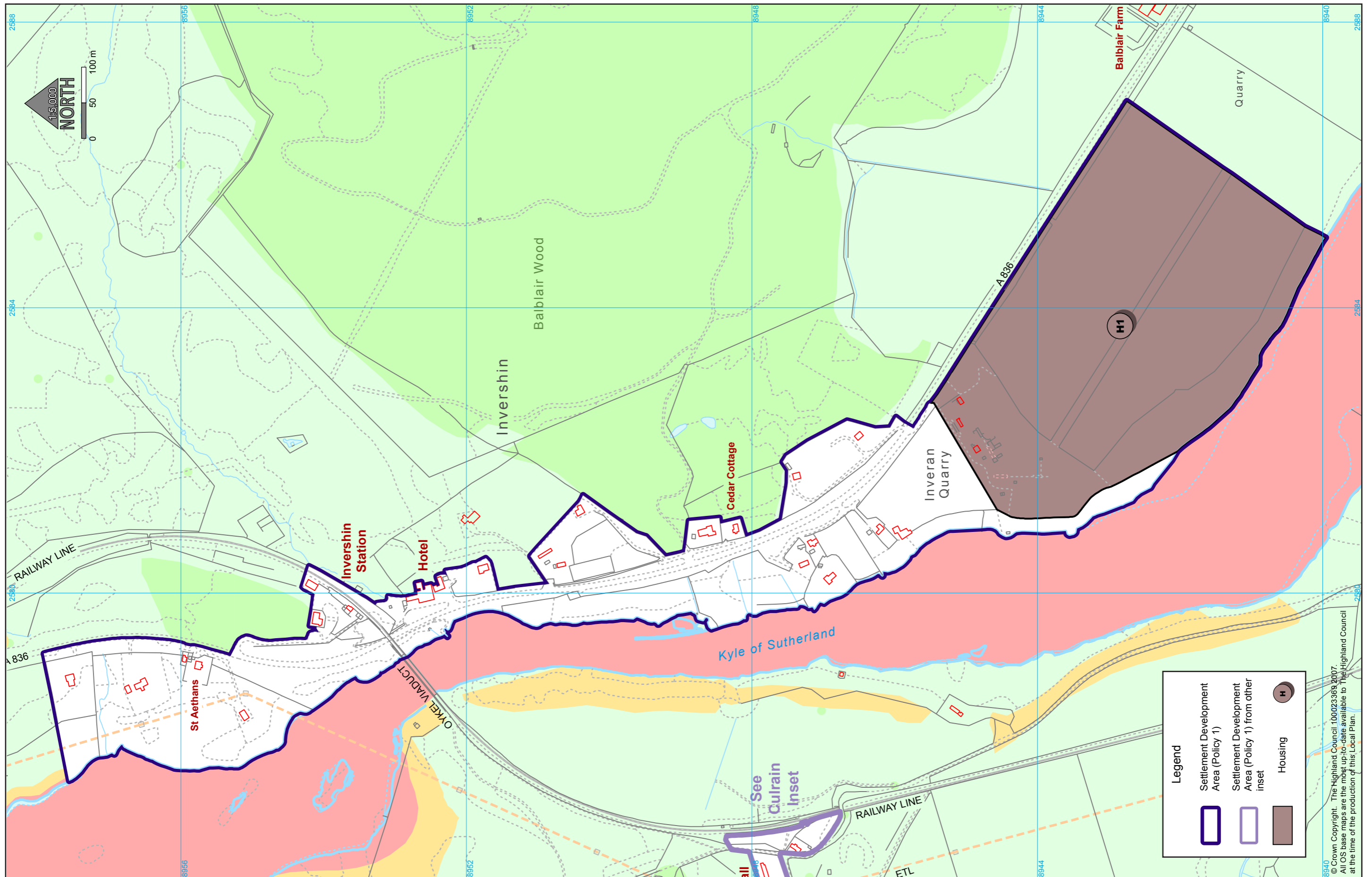
**Site Allocations**

Site Ref.	Site Area	Location	Housing Capacity	Developer Requirements
H1	17.6ha	Former Balblair workings	12 units	Very low density housing with land holdings; Potential contamination assessment; Flood risk assessment to show compliance with SPP7; Sensitive siting and design.

*(Housing capacities are indicative only and given on the basis of likely development densities.)*

**Legend**

<p><b>SETTLEMENT AND ALLOCATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; border: 2px solid purple; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Settlement Development Area (Policy 1)</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; border: 1px solid purple; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Settlement Development Area (Policy 1) from other inset</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: #808080; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Housing <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">H</span></span></li> </ul>	<p><b>NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FEATURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: #FF8080; margin-right: 5px;"></span> International Importance (Policy 4.3)</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: #FFD700; margin-right: 5px;"></span> National Importance (Policy 4.2)</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Local/Regional Importance (Policy 4.1)</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Wider Countryside (Policy 3)</li> </ul>
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