Parts of the Local PLan

Written Statement

The Written Statement sets out a range of general policies to achieve the objectives of the Local Plan. It should be read along with the Mapping.

Proposals Map

The Proposals Map shows the entire Sutherland Local Plan area (made up of the Highland Council Wards: 1 North, West & Central Sutherland and 5 East Sutherland & Edderton). The Proposals Map is a large sheet folded down to A4 size and can be found at the back of the Mapping Booklet.

The Mapping Booklet

This is the Mapping Booklet referred to by the Written Statement of the Sutherland Local Plan. The Mapping Booklet contains the Insets of The Proosals Map. An inset shows more detailed mapping and has text with it.

The Booklet also contains the Background Maps, they set out the locations and information about Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage features in so far as they have been mapped digitally on our system. There is also mapping of Consultation Areas and Physical Constraints - relevant to other plan policies - in this section of the map booklet.

The Guide and Key will help you to underatand the maps please take time to study it (page 2).
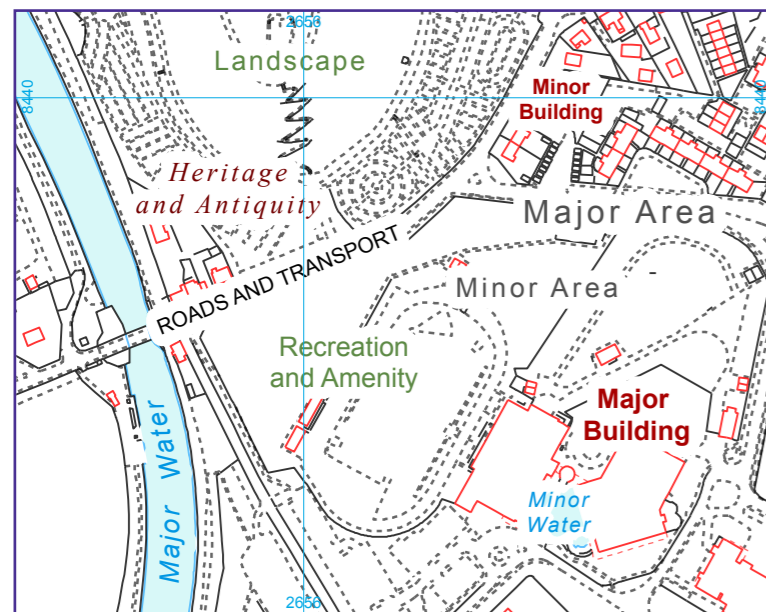
HOW TO READ AND USE THE PLAN

The Local Plan is made up of maps and text. If you are interested in finding out what the Plan means for your particular area then you need to read both. The easiest way to find your community is by using the large Proposals Map which shows the whole area covered by the Plan. Once you've found your community, the Proposals Map will show you which text you need to read and whether there is more detailed mapping and text available. The larger communities will have this detail shown on a separate "Inset".

For example, if you wanted to find what the Plan means for Lairg then you would find it on the Proposals Map which would tell you that there was a detailed "Inset" available and its reference number. The Lairg "inset" sets out all the text and mapping specific to that place.

However, to get the complete picture, you also need to read the Plan's "General Policies" which are listed in the written part of the Plan as these can also affect a local issue. Larger or more controversial proposals may also be affected by the Plan's "Vision" or "Strategy" which again are in the written part of the Plan. These proposals may also require knowledge of policy or law at Highland-wide, national and European level. Links to this further reading are given in the Plan.

MAPPING ANNOTATION

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Information provided by other agencies for use in determining some of the mapped features is also the most up-to-date available to The Highland Council at the time of the production of this Local Plan.

Not all of the policy definitions listed in the Written Statement are identified in the Plan's maps.

SETTLEMENT

	Settlement Development Area (Policy 1)
	Settlement Development Area (Policy 1) from other inset
	Conservation Area
	Town Centre (Policy 17)
	Proposed Roads
	Proposed Access

HINTERLAND AROUND TOWNS

	Hinterland Around Towns (Policy 16)

ALLOCATIONS (Policy 2)

	Housing	H
	Affordable Housing	AH
	Long Term	LT
	Community	C
	Open Space	OS
	Retail	R
	Mixed Use	MU
	Business	B
	Industry	I

NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FEATURES

	International Importance (Policy 4.3)
	National Importance (Policy 4.2)
	Local/Regional Importance (Policy 4.1)
	Wider Countryside (Policy 3)

Durness
Portskerra
Melness
Strathy
Melvich
Bettyhill
Kinlochbervie
Tongue
North, West and Central Sutherland
Scourie
Caithness Local Plan
Point of Stoer
Lochinver
East Sutherland and Edderton
Helmsdale
Lairg
Pittentrail
Brora
Rosehall
Golspie
Culrain
Invershin
South Bonar Ind. Estate
Bonar Bridge
Embo
Evelix
Ardgay
Dornoch
Edderton
Wester Ross Local Plan
Ross & Cromarty East Local Plan