

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REPLACEMENT OF NORTH WEST SUTHERLAND, TONGUE & FARR, GOLSPIE & LAIRG AND SOUTH & EAST SUTHERLAND LOCAL PLANS*

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

SUTHERLAND LOCAL PLAN DEPOSIT DRAFT (NOVEMBER 2008) AND REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Highland Council have prepared the Replacement of the above named Local Plans*.

Certified copies of the replacement of the Plans, and of the statement (of publicity and consultation undertaken) mentioned in Section 12(5) of the Act have been deposited at:

- The Highland Council Service Points at Bettyhill, Bonar Bridge, Brora, Dornoch, Durness, Golspie, Helmsdale, Lairg and Lochinver;
- Libraries at Brora, Dornoch, Golspie and Lairg;
- Local Post Offices in Sutherland and at Edderton Village Hall;
- The Area Planning and Building Standards Office, Drummuie, Golspie;
- The Planning and Development Service Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness.

The deposited documents are available for inspection free of charge during normal opening hours. The documents are also available on The Highland Council website at www.highland.gov.uk (follow link to Planning Consultations from home page) and on the mobile libraries operating in Sutherland.

Copies of the related Revised Environmental Report have been deposited at The Area Planning and Building Standards Office and at The Planning and Development Service Headquarters and are also available on our website (see above).

Objections or supporting representations to the replacement of the Plans and any comments on the Revised Environmental Report should be sent in writing to be received no later than **5.00pm on Friday 23 January 2009**. They should be posted to the Director of Planning & Development at The Highland Council, Planning & Development Service, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX, or submitted by fax to 01463 702298 or by e-mail to sutherlandlp@highland.gov.uk. We will acknowledge receipt of them. Objections or supporting representations should state the name and address of the objector or supporter, the title of the document that representations are being made on, the matters to which the representations relate and the grounds on which they are made. Grounds should be stated in full now as there may not be an opportunity to provide more information after the deadline. Objectors and supporters should specify the page, paragraph or policy number or site allocation reference to which the objection or supporting representation relates. For objections, any change that is sought should be detailed. Representations cannot be treated as confidential. A form which you may wish to use for submitting representations is available at the places where the Plan documents may be inspected, and from The Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk

The Deposit Draft (November 2008) version of the Sutherland Local Plan now published supersedes the versions published as the Deposit Draft (October 2007) and the Pre-Deposit Draft (May 2008). We are writing to those who submitted representations on those earlier drafts and asking them to consider and indicate which remain unresolved and are maintained and confirmed as representations to the new Deposit Draft (November 2008).

For further information about the documents, the availability of copies, how to make representations or any other matters concerning consultation on the Local Plan including the process we are following, see our website www.highland.gov.uk where there is an information sheet available or contact David Cowie, by telephone on 01463 702827 (if not available, please ask to speak to another member of the Sutherland Local Plan Team) or by email, fax or post as indicated above.

28th November 2008

J Stuart Black – Director of Planning and Development

* The area covered by the new Local Plan comprises The Highland Council Wards 1 and 5 and is shown in the documents that are available for inspection. The new Local Plan area substantially coincides with the combined areas of the North West Sutherland, Tongue & Farr, Golspie & Lairg and South & East Sutherland Local Plans, and also with some small parts of the areas covered by the Caithness, Ross & Cromarty East and Wester Ross Local Plans. The new Local Plan, once adopted, will therefore replace these seven older Local Plans but only in so far as they relate to any part of the area of the new Sutherland Local Plan.