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Position in Settlement Hierarchy	Key Village
2005 Estimated Population	128
Housing Completions 2000-2007	7
Primary School/Secondary School Capacity	30% / 76%
Water Capacity	Capacity and additional capacity project planned between 2007-2010
Sewerage Capacity	Capacity in the main Scourie septic tank. Limited capacity at Handa Terrace septic tank which has a maximum of 5 connections remaining

Prospects

Recently 6 semi detached affordable houses were built by Albyn Housing Association in the village. This along with the new filling station and shop are helping to consolidate its role as a local centre.

Further opportunities on larger sites are limited. There is an opportunity identified for accommodating growth on an allocation but further scope has also been identified within the SDA for small scale development. There is flexibility identified within the SDA and it is important that these opportunities are taken forward in an appropriate manner. In order to retain the sense of character when viewed from a distance and achieve a consistency when viewed from the street single plot development needs to come forward with a degree of coherence.

This consistency should be achieved by reference to traditional Highland forms, proportions, materials and massing (1, 1½, 1¾ storey and 40°- 45° roof pitch). With larger floor areas its shape should be broken down into at least two distinct elements, akin the ‘extended croft house’ and perhaps utilise different materials.

The settlement development area has been drawn to reflect the settlement pattern in the village and promote appropriate siting of housing in Scourie. The traditional relationship between the house and land is also maintained to help protect the land’s agricultural use.

Development Factors

- Low downward emission design street lights;
- Careful siting is required to avoid skylining development at Scourie More;
- Land between the village hall and the caravan and camping site has been excluded in order to protect views across Scourie Bay and some of the better croft land in the village;
- Other locally important croft land has also been excluded from the SDA opposite the filling station.

Developer Requirements

- For further housing to be accommodated within the SDA at the southern end of the village developer contributions will be required. Contributions are required in order to bring the 40 mph limit back to cover junction, to widen the bellmouth junction, and for structural improvements and passing places;
- The road serving Scourie More is fragile and therefore developer contributions will be required;
- Development proposals will have regard to the proximity of the Handa Special Protection Area (SPA) and the Scourie Coast SSSI;
- Any developments served by private waste water system (in compliance with General Policy 7) will require to drain to land to safeguard water bodies.

Site Allocations

Site Ref.	Site Area	Location	Housing Capacity	Developer Requirements
H 1	1.2 ha	West of the School	8 units	Compensatory parking to be provided onsite for any lost through the forming of an access. Development should respect the existing landform and longer term potential for further development westwards should be protected. Connection to public sewer required. A design statement is required here.

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