Highland Council Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan Comments received for the consultation that ended on 13th December 2013 ordered by Site

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These representations are as submitted to the Highland Council and have only been changed (redacted) to exclude private contact details and invalid comments. The Highland Council will in due course summarise them and provide a response to those issues raised which are relevant to the development plan.