# THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

# **SOUTH PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE** 24 February 2015

# 15/00215/PAN: HERCULES UNIT TRUST INVERNESS RETAIL AND BUSINESS PARK

Agenda Item	5.1
Report No	PLS/007/15

# **Report by Area Planning Manager – South**

**Proposal of Application Notice** 

**Description:** Alterations to accesses to Shopping Park, alterations to internal

access/circulation within car park, alterations to car parking layout,

alterations to pedestrian footpaths, public areas and landscaping

Ward: 18 – Culloden and Ardersier

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 To inform the Planning Applications Committee of the submission of the attached Proposal of Application Notice (PAN).
- 1.2 The submission of the PAN accords with the provisions of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and was lodged on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015. Members are asked to note this may form the basis of a subsequent planning application.
- 1.3 The submitted information attached includes:
  - Proposal of Application Notice
  - Location Plan
  - Covering Letter

# 2.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposal seeks to alter and reconfigure the car parking arrangements within the retail park to facilitate improved parking and provide safer public access and circulation.

# 3.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

Existing out of town Class 1 retail warehousing and bulky goods shopping park with associated car parking and landscaped areas.

## 4.0 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The following policies are likely to be relevant to the assessment of the proposal:

# 4.1 Highland-wide Local Development Plan 2012

28 Sustainable Design

# 4.2 Inverness Local Plan (as continued in force 2012)

2:7 Retailing Outwith the City Centre

# 4.3 Inner Moray Firth proposed Local Development Plan

Policy 1 – Promoting and protecting city and town centres

Policy 2 – Delivering Development

## 5.0 POTENTIAL MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The relevant policies in the extant Development Plan are noted above and the extent to which the proposal complies with their relevant provisions will be assessed.

It is acknowledged that the current layout of the car parking serving the retail park is dominated by vehicle movement and car parking and the units lack safe, direct connections for walking and cycling.

Key considerations to be taken into account will be the extent to which the proposal will improve the existing layout to provide safer pedestrian and cycling access within and around the car parking area and related environmental improvements to landscaping areas.

The proposal will inevitably result in a modest reduction in current parking provision and this will be assessed in detail and balanced against the net benefits to public safety. In addition, traffic management issues will also be considered as the proposal includes alterations to the access and flow of vehicles within the park.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 The report presents the information submitted to date as part of the PAN. Summarised are the policy considerations against which any future planning application will be considered as well as the potential material planning considerations and key issues based on the information available to date. The list is not exhaustive and further matters may arise as and when a planning application is received and in the light of public representations and consultation responses.

# 7.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Committee notes the submission of the PAN and advises of any material issues it wishes to be brought to the applicant's attention.

Signature: Allan J Todd

Designation: Area Planning Manager - South

Author: John Kelly

Background Papers: Documents referred to in report and in case file.

Relevant Plans: Plan 1 – Location/site plan



Applicant Hercules Unit Trust.....

# PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE MOLADH BRATH IARRTAIS

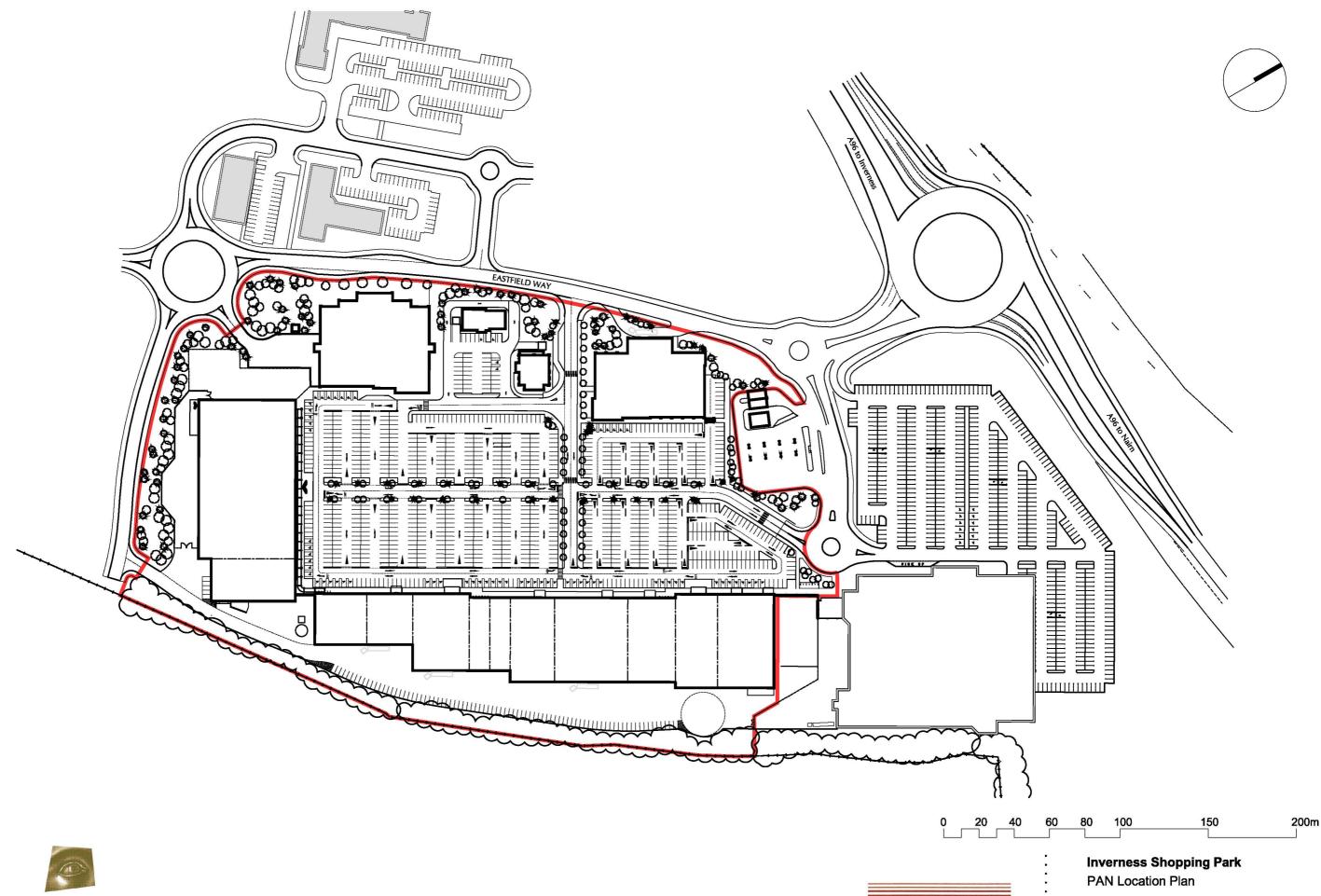
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The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008

The Council will respond within 21 days of receiving the Notice. It will advise whether the proposed Pre-application Consultation is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required. Please note that a planning application for this proposed development cannot be submitted less than 12 weeks from the date the Proposal of Application Notice is received by the Council and without the statutory consultation requirements having been undertaken. The planning application must be accompanied by a Pre-application consultation report.

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Phone No	0	Phone	020.7484.5090		
E-mail		E-mail			
Address or Location of Proposed Development Please state the postal address of the prospective development site. If there is no postal address, please describe its location. Please outline the site in red on a base plan to a recognised metric scale and attach it to this completed Notice					
Inverne	ss Shopping Park, Eastfield Way, Inve	erness IV2	7GD		
of resident capacity o	tial units; the gross floorspace in n	n² of any b ce manage	where appropriate – eg the number buildings not for residential use; the ement facility; and the length of any oporting information.		
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Pre-application Screening Notice					
Has a Screening Opinion been issued on the need for a Proposal of Application notice by the Highland Council in respect of the proposed development?					
If yes please provide a copy of this Opinion.					
YESYESNO	•••				
Community Consultation [See checklist of Statutory minimum consultation attached]					
State which other parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice.					
Community Council/s		Date Notice Served			
Smithton & Culloden Community Council		22 January 2015			
		**************************************			
Names/details of any other parties		Date Notice Served			
N/A					
Please give details of proposed consultation					
Proposed public event	Venue	Date and time			
manned public exhibition in display cabin adjacent Unit 1A	Inverness Shor Eastfield Way Inverness IV2	10am - 4pm			
Newspaper Advert – name of news	paper	Advert date(where known)			
Inverness Courier		20 January 2015			
Details of any other consultation methods (date, time and with whom)					
N/A					
Signed		Date. 22 January 2015			





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Planning & Development Service The Highland Council Glenurquhart Road Inverness IV3 5NX

By email: eplanning@highland.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

# INVERNESS SHOPPING PARK, EASTFIELD WAY, INVERNESS PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Further to the Screening Opinion adopted on 3 December 2014 we submit, on behalf of Hercules Unit Trust Limited ('HUT') a Proposal of Application Notice in respect of proposed alterations to accesses to Shopping Park; alterations to internal access/circulation within car park; alterations to car parking layout; alterations to pedestrian footpaths, public areas and landscaping at Inverness Shopping Park.

#### We enclose:

- Completed Proposal of Application Notice
- Site Location Plan A5303/Pan-01
- Screening Opinion dated 3 December 2014

Please do not hesitate to contact Colin Burnett at this office if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours faithfully

Burnett Planning & Development Limited

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cc: Smithton and Culloden Community Council