

Supporting Statement for the Garve & District Local Place Plan

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Introduction

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Local Place Plan submission to The Highland Council and is accompanying the Garve and District Local Place Plan dated 23/10/2024.

Contact details

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Regard given to the Local Development Plan

The Garve and District Boundary is wholly covered by the Highland-wide Local Development Plan (The Highland Council, 2012) plus, it currently straddles two Local Development Plans' areas:-

- West Highland and Islands Local Development Plan (*The Highland Council, 2019*)
- Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2 (*The Highland Council, 2024*)

Regard given to the National Planning Framework

In terms of national policies, at a community level the plan is in direct response to:-

- National Planning Framework 4 Delivery Programme (*Scottish Government, 2023*)
- National Planning Framework 4 (*Scottish Government, 2023*)

Regard given to the Locality Plan

Garve and District also straddles three Highland Community Planning Partnership (HCPP) areas: Mid Ross Community Partnership and its two Local Plans – Dingwall Locality Plan (2019) and Conon Bridge Locality Plan; Skye, Lochalsh and West Ross Community Partnership; and Easter Ross Community Partnership.

Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan

The reasons for amendments to the Local Development Plan are provided in Section 9 of the Local Place Plan against the proposals relating to the Action Areas for Our Places, Our Environment, and Our Infrastructure.

Community support for the Local Place Plan

The Company had just undertaken the final review of the Community's Action Plan during May 2024. This provided a clear indication of on-going community priorities carried forward to the Local Place Plan:-

- Connecting Communities - Community Transport Service

- Caring for our community
- Traffic calming measures
- Improving home energy efficiency
- Community renewable energy
- Community land (The GD CORe)
- Groups and events
- Improved access to Garve and District War Memorial
- Supporting local businesses
- Developing/enhancing footpaths

Using The National Standards of Community Engagement we issued a community survey in paper, digital, and fillable pdf formats. The paper copy was sent to every household and business in Garve and District. We also held an open day at Garve Public Hall and invited our community to share their thoughts about land and building use alongside any other ideas they had around future community development. Directors and Officers of the Company also made themselves available for one-to-one meetings either face to face or on-line and encouraged contact via all our communication channels - letters, emails, comments on garve.org, our digital community hub, comments on social media and messages received via any social media platforms.

We received 72 survey responses from an estimated adult population of 230 and we received 380 comments on our subject headings of Our People, Our Places, Our Environment and Our Infrastructure.

We are well versed in community engagement and for our area this is a good response.

Evidence of compliance with Regulation 4

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 31/07/2024 to:

List of Councillors to whom the proposed Local Place Plan was sent

- Chris.Birt.cllr@highland.gov.uk
- isabelle.campbell.cllr@highland.gov.uk
- Liz.Kraft.cllr@highland.gov.uk
- Patrick.Logue.cllr@highland.gov.uk

List of Community Councils to whom the proposed Local Place Plan was sent

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent to those Community Councils adjoining our boundary on 31/07/2024 to:

1. Lochbroom Community Council
2. Ardgay and District Community Council
3. Strathpeffer Community Council
4. Contin Community Council
5. Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon Community Council
6. Lochcarron Community Council
7. Torridon and Kinlochewe Community Council

And to the Community Council wholly within our boundary on 09/09/2024, from which a response indicating the Council wished to make no amendments was received on the same date:

1. Garve and District Community Council

Appendix 1

Information Notices to Ward Councillors

Dear Ward 5 Councillors

I am contacting you on behalf of The Garve & District Development Company. Our local community has prepared a proposed Local Place Plan for Garve and District.

We are legally required to send each local authority Councillor for our Local Place Plan area which lies in Ward 5, Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh, the information below, to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. This email constitutes the 'Information Notice' to local Councillors required by those Regulations.

The proposed Local Place Plan is attached.

The plan covers the Community Council boundary for Garve and District. It contains proposals for community development under the headings – Our Community, Our Places, Our Environment and Our Infrastructure. The purpose of our proposed Local Place Plan is to identify community strengths, needs, areas for development and aspirations, in order to attract and guide funding and in order to influence the new Highland LDP.

If you have comments on our proposed Local Place Plan, please email them to us. The deadline for comments is 31 August 2024. We are also sending similar Information Notices to our adjoining, active Community Councils as required by the Local Place Plan Regulations:-

- Lochbroom
- Ardgay and District
- Strathpeffer
- Contin
- Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon
- Lochcarron
- Torridon and Kinlochewe

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Information Notice Sent to Adjoining Community Councils

Dear Community Councils

I am contacting you on behalf of The Garve & District Development Company. Our local community has prepared a proposed Local Place Plan for Garve and District.

We are legally required to send each Community Council whose area is wholly or partly within our Local Place Plan area, or adjoins it, the information below. This is in order to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. This email constitutes the 'Information Notice' to local Community Councils required by those Regulations.

This Information Notice is therefore being sent to the following Community Councils:

- Lochbroom
- Ardgay and District
- Strathpeffer
- Contin
- Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon
- Lochcarron
- Torridon and Kinlochewe

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Information Notice Sent to Garve and District Community Council who is wholly within the Local Place Plan area.

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