

# Information Notice: proposed Black Isle Local Place Plan

19 January 2024 at 18:14

Dear Ward 8/9 Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Black Isle Partnership. As you will be aware, the Partnership has been working with and on behalf of local communities across the Black Isle to facilitate preparation of a Local Place Plan for the Black Isle, in its role as a constituted community-controlled body for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

The proposed Black Isle Local Place Plan has now been published for public comment. It can be viewed and commented on online for public consultation at [bit.ly/Bldraftplan](https://bit.ly/Bldraftplan) and [black-isle.info/opportunity-black-isle-black-isle-place-plan.asp](https://black-isle.info/opportunity-black-isle-black-isle-place-plan.asp). Hard copies are available in the Black Isle Leisure Centre, Fortrose; Cromarty Library (Hugh Miller Institute); Dingwall Community Library; Fortrose Community Library; Inverness Library; and Muir of Ord Library. Please do share the proposed Plan with your local networks across the Black Isle, and encourage people to take a look and respond.

The draft Plan covers all of Ward 9 and a part of Ward 8 around Muir of Ord and Conon Bridge (see Map 1 on page 6 of the draft Plan).

The Partnership, as the constituted community body which will ultimately submit the Plan to the Council, is legally required to send all elected members for the Plan area an Information Notice by virtue of Section 4 of the above Local Place Plan Regulations.

This email constitutes the statutory Information Notice. If you wish to respond, please note that the Regulations give 28 days to respond (by Friday 16th February 2024).

## 1. Proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed Plan, a summary version and feedback form are available online at [bit.ly/Bldraftplan](https://bit.ly/Bldraftplan) and [black-isle.info/opportunity-black-isle-black-isle-place-plan.asp](https://black-isle.info/opportunity-black-isle-black-isle-place-plan.asp).

## 2. Brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed Plan covers the area conventionally referred to as the Black Isle, including Muir of Ord and Conon Bridge to the west. The area is shown on Map 1 on page 6 of the proposed Plan.

The primary purpose of the Plan is to provide an up-to-date statement of the community's aspirations for the next 5-10 years, to help public bodies, landowners, businesses and funders consider how they can best support positive change. More specifically, it aims to:

Focus on long term strategic challenges facing the whole of the Black Isle.

Keep the best of what we value about the Black Isle, and shape it for the better.

Inform local and national decision-making about public services, budgeting, planning policy and other policy areas.

Support community action, for example as supporting evidence for funding bids.

Provide a framework for individual local communities to prepare their own more detailed plans should they wish.

Build on the good work that is already happening across the Black Isle, and make the most of opportunities such as the Green Freeport.

The proposed Plan contains a vision, with overarching outcomes that the Black Isle becomes a zero-carbon, sustainable and resilient community with opportunity and health and wellbeing for all (see chapter 3 of the draft Plan). To achieve that, the proposed Plan contains four priority "Calls for Action" generated through community engagement:

Community infrastructure (chapter 4)

Think global, act local (chapter 5)

Affordable homes for all (chapter 6)

Getting about (chapter 7)

## 3. Information as to how and to whom any representations on the content of the proposed Local Place Plan should be made and the date by which they should be made

If you have comments on the proposed Local Place Plan, please email them to me or submit them via the online feedback form. The deadline is Friday 16th February 2024.

I am sending a similar Information Notice to Community Councils within and adjacent to the Plan area as required by the Local Place Plan Regulations.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Becky Richmond  
on behalf of the Black Isle Partnership

Sent to:

Cllr Sarah Atkin, Ward 9  
Cllr Lyndsey Johnston, Ward 9  
Cllr Morven-May MacCallum, Ward 9  
Cllr Sean Kennedy, Ward 8  
Cllr Graham MacKenzie, Ward 8  
Cllr Angela MacLean, Ward 8  
Cllr Margaret Paterson, Ward 8

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I am sending a similar Information Notice to elected local Councillors for Wards 8 and 9 as required by the Local Place Plan Regulations.

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Kind regards,

Becky Richmond  
on behalf of the Black Isle Partnership

Sent to the following Community Councils (those in bold are entirely or partly within the Plan area):

Alness Community Council  
Ardersier and Petty Community Council  
Auldearn Community Council  
Avoch and Killen Community Council  
Beauly Community Council  
Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Council  
Conon Bridge Community Council  
Cromarty Community Council  
Crown and City Centre Community Council  
Culloden Community Council  
Dingwall Community Council  
Ferintosh Community Council  
Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council  
Invergordon Community Council  
Killearnan Community Council  
Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council  
Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Council  
Knockbain Community Council  
Maryburgh Community Council  
Merkinch Community Council  
Muir of Ord Community Council  
Muirtown Community Council  
Nairn River Community Council  
Nairn West and Suburban Community Council  
Nigg and Shandwick Community Council  
Resolis Community Council  
Smithton Community Council