

# **Supporting Statement**

for submission of

## **Our Nairnshire Local Place Plan**

To The Highland Council

Kenny Spink, Project Coordinator on behalf of NICE  
Revision 2, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

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## 1. Introduction

This statement accompanies the submission of Our Nairnshire Local Place Plan ('The Plan') to The Highland Council by the Nairn Improvement Community Enterprise ('NICE').

The Plan covers the Nairnshire geographical area as defined by:

- The articles of incorporation of NICE<sup>i</sup>;
- Nairn West & Suburban Community Council<sup>ii</sup>;
- Nairn River Community Council<sup>iii</sup>;
- Auldearn Community Council<sup>iv</sup>;
- Cawdor & Nairn West Community Council<sup>v</sup>; and
- East Nairnshire, whose community council is in abeyance

(collectively 'Nairnshire')

The Plan and this statement have been prepared by, and in accordance with:

- prepared by NICE<sup>vi</sup>;
- Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021<sup>vii</sup>; and
- Scottish Government Planning Circular 1/2022 Local Place Plans<sup>viii</sup>

The Plan has been published as a 'digital first' dynamic website. This can be seen at [www.ournairnshire.org](http://www.ournairnshire.org). A PDF printable version can be downloaded from the site<sup>ix</sup>.

The Plan covers Nairnshire, stretching from the beaches to the north boundary with the Inner Moray Firth to the foothills of the Cairngorms beyond Ferness, and East to West between Tornagrain and Forres catchments. This is clearly identified in The Plan.

The Plan comprises 6 sections, and is structured around 5 key themes:

- Sustainable Futures;
- Jobs and Business;
- Getting Around;
- Town and Village Centres; and
- Green Space and Leisure

with each theme being fully supported with a range of Appendices. These Appendices include the community data collected in the preparation of The Plan, alongside a range of community outputs which have helped to define and shape The Plan. Those Appendices are clearly listed in The Plan.

The Plan is based on:

### Vision

Our vision for Nairn is to create a vibrant, welcoming community that sustains and nurtures its residents, visitors, employers, and investors. We aim to provide a thriving environment where people can live happily, businesses can prosper, and the local economy flourishes.

### Thematic Sections

Sustainable Futures | Jobs & Business | Town & Village Centres | Getting Around | Green Space and Leisure

This Supporting Statement contains the following sections:

1. Contact details for NICE.
2. Evidence of meeting the requirements for consulting on The Plan.
3. Statement explaining of regard given to the Local Development Plan and National Planning Framework in preparing the Local Place Plan.
4. Explanation of the Community Council's view of the level and nature of support for The Plan.
5. Statement explaining how the Local Development Plan should be amended.

## 2. Contact Details

Mandy Lawson, Secretary, NICE, email [lpp@nicenairn.org.uk](mailto:lpp@nicenairn.org.uk)

## 3. Statutory Information Notices

The draft Local Place Plan was emailed to Highland Councillors:

- for Ward 18 (Nairnshire) on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024:
  - o Paul Oldham;
  - o Barbara Jarvie;
  - o Michael Green; and
  - o Laurie Fraser,
- for Wards 17, 19, and 20 on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024:
  - o Glynis Sinclair;
  - o Morven Reid;
  - o Trish Robertson;
  - o Ken Gowans;
  - o Duncan Macpherson;
  - o Duncan McDonald;
  - o Andrew Sinclair;
  - o John Bruce;
  - o Muriel Cockburn;
  - o Russell Jones; and
  - o Bill Lobban,
- to those community councils comprising the Local Place Plan:
  - o Nairn West & Suburban Community Council<sup>x</sup>;
  - o Nairn River Community Council<sup>xi</sup>;
  - o Auldearn Community Council<sup>xii</sup>;
  - o Cawdor & Nairn West Community Council<sup>xiii</sup>; and
  - o East Nairnshire, whose community council is in abeyance,

and to adjoining Community Councils, in two rounds:

- on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to:
  - o Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council
  - o Croy & Culloden Moor Community Council
  - o Ardersier & Petty Community Council
  - o Strathnairn Community Council
  - o Strathdearn Community Council
  - o Dulnain Bridge Community Council
  - o Carrbridge Community Council
  - o Grantown on Spey Community Council
  - o Cromarty District Community Council

- Findern Community Council
- Dyke Landward Community Council
- the draft Plan was also shared with community groups and business leads in Nairnshire
- and on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025, to correct email address errors:
  - Findern Community Council

Those emails constituted the Information Notices required to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. Copies are attached to this statement as appendices.

#### **4. Regard Given to Existing Plans**

In preparing the Local Place Plan, the community had regard to the following plans:

- National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)<sup>xiv</sup>
- Six Qualities of Successful Plans<sup>xv</sup>
- Planning Circular 1/2022
- Adopted Highland-wide Local Development Plan (2012)<sup>xvi</sup>
- Adopted Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2 (2024)<sup>xvii</sup>
- Scotland's National Performance Framework<sup>xviii</sup>
- UN's Sustainable Development Goals<sup>xix</sup>
- Highland Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy<sup>xx</sup>
- Community Planning and Economic Strategy<sup>xxi</sup>
- Highland Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017<sup>xxii</sup>
- Nairn Town and County Hospital<sup>xxiii</sup>

As explained in Section 5. Our Nairnshire Local Place Plan's Context, page 74 of The Plan, The Plan reflects national planning policy aims of creating sustainable, liveable and productive places as expressed in NPF4, including Local Living/ 20 Minute Neighbourhoods. These considerations sit alongside the community issues and aspirations summarised in Section 4. The Plan and the community engagement described in Section 5.2. How We Prepared the Plan.

#### **5. Support for The Plan**

The community engagement process used to develop The Plan, along with the levels of participation, is explained in Section 5.2 How We Prepared the Plan. 5.2.1 The Engagement Process details how we engaged with and consulted the community:

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Summer 2023      | <b>Pre-Engagement: Awareness Raising</b>  |
| September 2023   | Stage 1: Understanding the Issues and Aspirations   |
| January 2024     | 6,950 homes received the consultation mail drop, with 455 responses received.<br><b>Community Engagement Launch</b>   |
| March 2024       | A workshop was held with 39 attending, including elected members, The Highland Council officers and community group representatives to launch the process.<br><b>Stage 2: Broadening the Conversation</b> |
| March-April 2024 | 9 public drop-in events at various community venues throughout Nairnshire.<br>690 comments received.<br><b>Stage 3: Online Consultation</b>   |

Parallel to the drop-in events, the online consultation ran for > 4wks and received 87 detailed responses.

May-June 2024

**Stage 4: Drawing Out the Details**

5 interactive sessions hosted independently by Planning Aid Scotland with local community and business representatives. 2 Nairn Academy workshops engaged directly with 75 pupils and received 110 responses.

Summer 2024

**Stage 5: Defining the LPP 'map'**

Securing commitment to form a part of The Plan geographical coverage across community councils.

Ardersier & Petty Community Council and Croy & Culloden Community Council confirmed that they would pursue their own plans in due course.

The 4 community councils and community representatives for Nairnshire East, whose community council is in abeyance, making up Nairnshire committed to participation.

August 2024

**Stage 6: Finalising the Plan**

Statutory and public consultation on the draft plan was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> July, ending 19<sup>th</sup> August, which included a drop-in tent at the Nairn Show. 234 individual comments received and processed and, where appropriate, incorporated to The Plan<sup>xxiv</sup>

September 2024

**Stage 7: Submission to The Highland Council Development Team**

Final edits and sign off on The Plan, submitted to The Highland Council under the cover of this Supporting Statement

December 2024 – Final edits in conjunction with The Highland Council

March 2025

Section 5. Our Nairnshire Local Place Plan's Context explores the depths of community engagement, consultation, and opportunity to comment offered throughout the development phase of The Plan. Section 6. Moving Forward in Partnership looks forward to understand how NICE will work with public agencies, community bodies, businesses, and the community to deliver the objectives of The Plan.

NICE is satisfied that the Local Place Plan provides an accurate and evidence-based view of local residents' views.

## **6. Amendments to the Local Development Plan**

The Plan contains a number of suggestions for the Council to consider as it prepares the forthcoming Highland Local Development Plan. These are described in detail in Section 5. The Plan, together with reasons, as required by Scottish Government Circular 1-2022 'Local Place Plans', paragraphs 32-33.

We trust that the Council will find our suggestions helpful, along with those from other communities, as it develops the Highland Local Development Plan. This is an opportunity to use planning policy and other levers to more effectively tackle issues to communities across the Highlands such as enabling more active travel and public/community transport, affordable housing for working people, and access to services, facilities and opportunities.

We would be happy to discuss our suggestions in more detail, and look forward to hearing how the Council will take account of our suggestions.

## 7. Appendices

Appendix 1: Information Notices emailed to Elected Members

Appendix 2: Information Notices emailed to Community Councils, community groups, and business leaders

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<sup>i</sup> <https://nicenairn.org.uk/documents-minutes/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.nwscc.org.uk>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://nairnrivercommunitycouncil.com>

<sup>iv</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/Auldearncommunity/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/Auldearncommunity/?locale=en_GB)

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.cawdorandwestnairnshirecommunitycouncil.com>

<sup>vi</sup> [www.nicenairn.org.uk](http://www.nicenairn.org.uk)

<sup>vii</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2021/353/contents/made>

<sup>viii</sup> <https://www.gov.scot/publications/circular-1-2022-local-place-plans/>

<sup>ix</sup> <https://nairn.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/Nairn+LPPplus+Consultation+Draft.pdf>

<sup>x</sup> <https://www.nwscc.org.uk>

<sup>xi</sup> <https://nairnrivercommunitycouncil.com>

<sup>xii</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/Auldearncommunity/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/Auldearncommunity/?locale=en_GB)

<sup>xiii</sup> <https://www.cawdorandwestnairnshirecommunitycouncil.com>

<sup>xiv</sup> <https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/>

<sup>xv</sup> <https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/pages/7/>

<sup>xvi</sup> [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development\\_plans/199/highland-wide\\_local\\_development\\_plan](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development_plans/199/highland-wide_local_development_plan)

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[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development\\_plans/202/inner\\_moray\\_firth\\_local\\_development\\_plan](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development_plans/202/inner_moray_firth_local_development_plan)

<sup>xviii</sup> <https://nationalperformance.gov.scot/>

<sup>xix</sup> <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

<sup>xx</sup> [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development\\_plans/927/national\\_planning\\_framework/3](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development_plans/927/national_planning_framework/3)

<sup>xxi</sup> <https://www.hie.co.uk/media/vczc0zca/hie-strategy-2023-28-final-031023.pdf>

<sup>xxii</sup> <https://highlandcpp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Highland-Outcome-Improvement-Plan-2017-2027.pdf.pagespeed.ce.yKzqetxvqR.pdf>

<sup>xxiii</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIAhKhrmw38>

<sup>xxiv</sup> Consultation comments, with NICE Steering Group responses, is available on demand by contacting NICE at [ipp@nicenairn.org](mailto:ipp@nicenairn.org)

## **Appendix 1:**

### **Information Notices emailed to Elected Members**

**From:** Kenny Spink kenny@spink.design   
**Subject:** Information Notice: Proposed Nairnshire Local Place Plan  
**Date:** 18 July 2024 at 16:11  
**To:** Paul Oldham paul.oldham.cllr@highland.gov.uk, Barbara Jarvie Barbara.Jarvie.cllr@highland.gov.uk, Laurie Fraser - Member laurie.fraser.cllr@highland.gov.uk, Michael Green Michael.Green.cllr@highland.gov.uk  
**Cc:** LPP@nicensairn.org.uk



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Dear Ward 18 Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of NICE, Nairnshire's Community Development Trust. As you will be aware, NICE has been working with and on behalf of local communities across Nairnshire to facilitate preparation of a Local Place Plan for this community, 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 Nairnshire Local Place Plan has now been published for public comment. It can be viewed and commented on online for public consultation at [ournairnshire.org](http://ournairnshire.org). Hard copies are available to view at Nairn Library, and from Nairn Community Arts Centre and rural community hubs in Cawdor, Auldearn, and Fornightly.

Please do share the proposed Plan with your local networks across Nairnshire and encourage people to take a look and respond.

The draft Local Place Plan incorporates the five Nairnshire Community Council areas: Nairn River; Nairn West and Suburban; Auldearn; Nairn West and Cawdor; and East Nairnshire

NICE, 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. Your last date for responding is by close of business on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**1. Proposed Local Place Plan:**

The proposed Local Place Plan, and feedback form are both available online at [ournairnshire.org](http://ournairnshire.org).

**2. A brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed Local Place Plan:**

The proposed Plan covers the 5 Nairnshire Community Council areas: Nairn River; Nairn West and Suburban; Auldearn; Nairn West and Cawdor; and East Nairnshire.

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, the Plan aims to:

- focus on long term strategic challenges facing the whole of Nairnshire;
- keep the best of what we value about Nairnshire, 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; and
- build on the good work that is already happening across Nairnshire, making the most of opportunities such as the Green Freeport while also protecting local natural and environmental assets which underpin our tourist industry and the quality of life of local people.

The proposed Plan contains a vision, with overarching outcomes that Nairnshire becomes a centre for jobs and business, whilst developing a zero-carbon, sustainable and resilient community with opportunity and health and wellbeing for all.

To achieve that, the proposed Plan contains five priority themes generated through community engagement:

Sustainable Future

Jobs and Business

Getting Around

Town and Village Centres

Green Spaces and Leisure

**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 [LPP@nicenairn.org.uk](mailto:LPP@nicenairn.org.uk) or submit them via the online feedback form available at [ournairnshire.org](http://ournairnshire.org). The deadline for submission of your feedback is Friday 16th August 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,

Kenny

Local Place Place Coordinator on behalf of NICE

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**Date:** 10 December 2024 at 14:43

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Good morning,

We have noticed a typographical error in our original Information Notice.

The consultation period end date was stated as both Sunday 5th January 2025 and Friday 10th January 2025. The correct consultation end date is Friday 10th January 2025.

Please accept our apologies for the confusion.

Wishing you all a lovely festive break when it arrives.

Yours,

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I have sent a similar Information Notice to Ward Councillors and 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.

On behalf of NICE,

Kenny Spink  
LPP Project Coordinator

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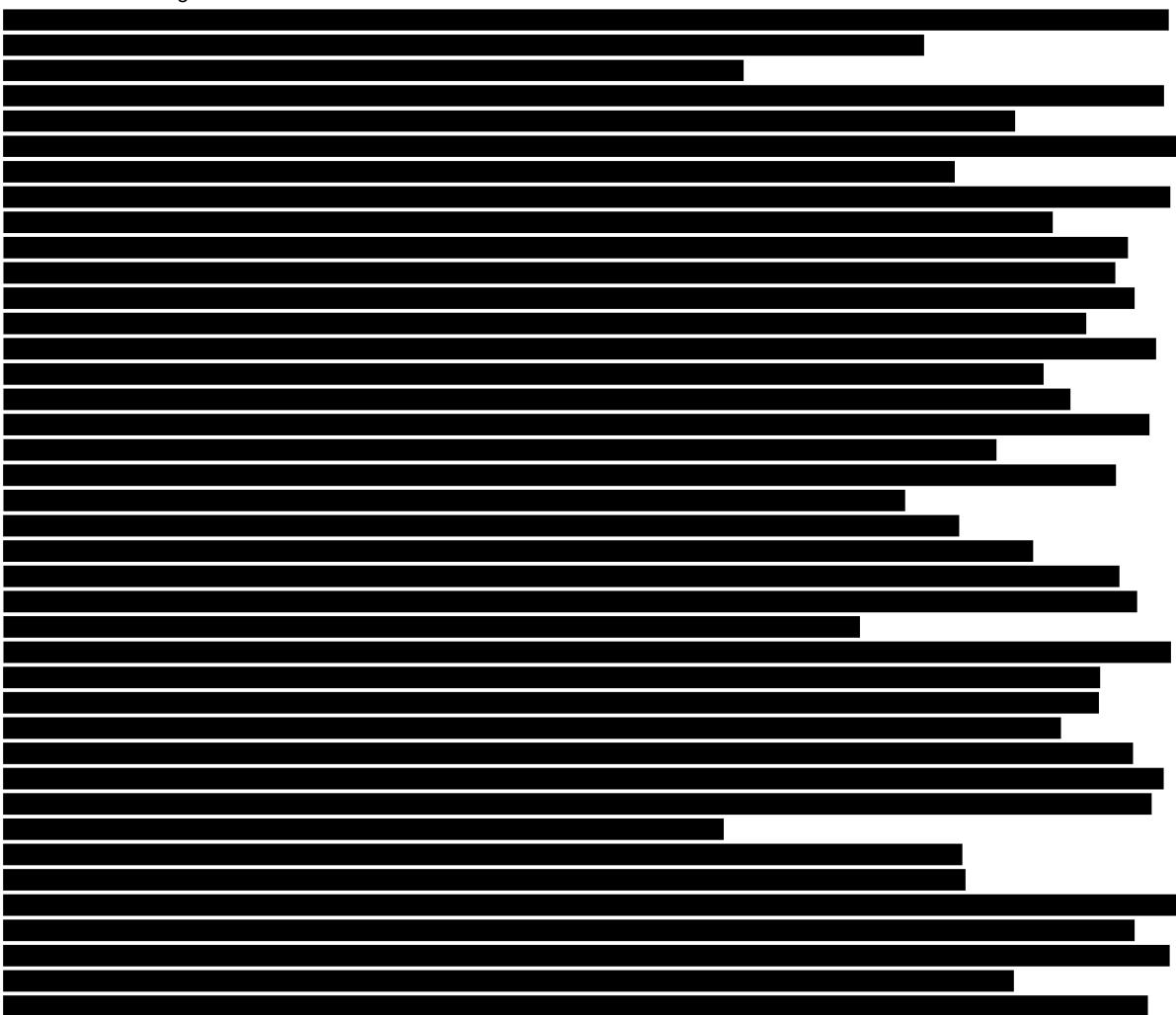
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**Appendix 2:**  
**Information Notices emailed to Community Councils,  
community groups, and business leaders**

**From:** Kenny Spink kenny@spink.design   
**Subject:** Information Notice: Proposed Nairnshire Local Place Plan  
**Date:** 18 July 2024 at 16:27  
**To:** LPP@nicenairn.org.uk  
**Bcc:** 



Good afternoon,

Thank you for your patience!

I am writing on behalf of NICE, Nairnshire's Community Development Trust. As you will be aware, NICE has been working with and on behalf of local communities across Nairnshire to facilitate preparation of a Local Place Plan for this community, 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 Nairnshire Local Place Plan was published for public consultation at 4pm today, 18th July 2024. It can be viewed and commented on online for public consultation at [ournairnshire.org](http://ournairnshire.org). Hard copies will be available to view at Nairn Library, and from Nairn Community Arts Centre and rural community hubs in Cawdor, Auldearn, and Fornightly. Please do share the proposed Plan with your local networks across Nairnshire and encourage people to take a look and respond.

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Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Kenny

LPP Project Coordinator on behalf of NICE

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**From:** Kenny Spink kenny@spink.design [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Information Notice: Proposed Nairnshire Local Place Plan  
**Date:** 18 July 2024 at 16:11  
**To:**  
**Cc:** LPP@nicanairn.org.uk  
**Bcc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Dear Community Councillors,

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Kind regards,

Kenny

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**From:** Kenny Spink kenny@spink.design  
**Subject:** Information Notice: Our Nairnshire Local Place Plan  
**Date:** 30 January 2025 at 11:02  
**To:** findernecc@gmail.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]



Good morning Howard,

Thank you for getting back to Mandy so quickly. As you now know, we had an error in your email address for the initial issue of this Information notice, published 18th July 2024. Therefore, I am writing on behalf of NICE, Nairnshire's Community Development Trust to correct that error. As you will be aware, NICE has been working with and on behalf of local communities across Nairnshire to facilitate preparation of a Local Place Plan for this community, in its role as a constituted community-controlled body for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

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Kind regards,

Kenny

LPP Project Coordinator on behalf of NICE

**From:** Hamish Bain UK [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: NICE Local Place Plan appendices feedback  
**Date:** 23 January 2025 at 17:12

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Aye Mandy

Confirm that NRCC has been "fully informed and consulted on the draft LPP last summer and throughout the LPP process". Discussed at several CC meeting over the period as per CC agenda and minutes.

Confirm as a NICE director my agreement that Kenny should immediately send out a repeat consultation notice with final LPP link to Finderne Community Council without further delay etc.

I am not surprised at THC finding minor issues to delay and they will continue to do so if they get half a chance.

If Finderne CC has completed an LPP successfully they would have had to consult with Nairn East CC and that does not exist at the moment.

Kind Regards  
Hamish

**From:** Mandy Lawson  
**Sent:** 23 January 2025 14:47  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: NICE Local Place Plan appendices feedback

See below further feedback from the Highland Council on our Local Place Plan..including new 'action points'

Hamish can I am sure provide formal written confirmation to satisfy the Council that there is no question that Nairn River CC as a key Steering Group partner have been fully informed and consulted on the draft LPP last summer and throughout the LPP process.

Mandy Lawson