

**Supporting Statement
for
Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge
and Achnacarry
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 Spean bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Local Place Plan dated Thursday, 5 March 2026.

Contact details

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Regard given to the Local Development Plan

The 2019 Adopted Highlands and Islands Development Plan has been compared against the needs of the Community and although there is broad agreement in detail the emphasis needs to be changed. This is discussed in detail on pages 20 – 21 and 24 of the Place Plan.

Regard given to the National Planning Framework

National Planning Framework 4 of 2023, has 13 policies of importance to the community council:

- Policy 3– Biodiversity
- Policy 4 – Natural Places
- Policy 5 - Soils
- Policy 6 – Forestry, woodland and trees
- Policy 7 – Historic assets and places
- Policy 11 – Renewable Energy
- Policy 13 – Sustainable transport
- Policy 15 – Local Living and 20 minute neighbourhoods
- Policy 17 – Rural Homes
- Policy 18 – Infrastructure First
- Policy 24 – Digital Infrastructure
- Policy 29 – Rural Development
- Policy 30 – Tourism

This is all in addition to the objectives of “Sustainable Places” and “Liveable Places” outlined in NPF4.

Many of these policies align with our aims but the lack of a joined up approach to implementation is hampering development of the area as outlined in pages 20-21 of the Local Place Plan.

Regard given to the Locality Plan

As above.

Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan

The aim of the Local Place Plan is to create a “Sustainable Community”, to do so requires refocusing current efforts to stabilise or increase the population creating an environment where long term residents can live, work and thrive, while avoiding the trap of increasing house prices creating a retirement community.

Community support for the Local Place Plan

Seven interactions detailed on page 15.

Evidence of compliance with Regulation 4

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 9th March 2026 to:

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

Ward 11 Councillors –

John Grafton
Liz Siggers
Sammy Cameron

Ward 20

Bill Lobban
John Bruce
Muriel Cockburn
Russell Jones

Ward 21

Andrew Baxter
Kate Wills
Matthew Prosser
Thomas MacLennan

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

Glen Garry
Glenfinnan
Caol
Fort William
Torlundy,
Kilmallie
Morar
Laggan
Kinlochleven

No comments were received from any of the correspondents listed above.

Appendix

Copies of the e-mails to Councillors and Community Councils. See attachment.