

INVERNESS COMMON GOOD FUND - DECISION NOTICE

COMMON GOOD CONSULTATION OUTCOME: CHANGE OF USE PROPOSAL AT LAND AT STADIUM ROAD, EAST LONGMAN, INVERNESS

Decision

On 27 April 2026, the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee considered the outcome of a public consultation carried out in accordance with section 104 of the *Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015*. The consultation related to a proposal to change the use of Common Good land to allow for a broader range of development opportunities, specifically within Planning Use Classes 4, 5 and 6.

It was noted that the initial intended use of the land would be as laydown space while options for further development were explored.

Having reviewed the consultation analysis and taken into account all representations received, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the City of Inverness Area Committee that the proposal proceed in accordance with the terms set out in the consultation document, subject to the consent of the Sheriff Court being obtained.

Extract from the minutes of the Inverness Common Good Sub Committee meeting

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There had been circulated Report No. ICGF/05/26 by the Assistant Chief Executive Corporate and the Assistant Chief Executive – Place.

During discussion, the application was considered a beneficial use of land that would otherwise remain unused. The low number of consultation respondents was disappointing despite all appropriate guidance being followed. It was requested that the concerns raised about biodiversity on the site be taken into consideration.

The Sub-Committee:-

- i. NOTED the statutory consultation process and its outcome as detailed in sections 6-8 and Appendices 1 and 2 of the report;
- ii. NOTED the representations received, together with the Council's responses as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report, taking them into account in the decision-making process, having due regard to the views of the inhabitants of the former Burgh of Inverness;
- iii. AGREED TO RECOMMEND to the City of Inverness Area Committee that, having regard to the representations received and the best interests of the Inverness Common Good Fund, the

proposal should be APPROVED, subject to appropriate consideration being given to the biodiversity issues raised during the consultation process;

iv. and AGREED TO RECOMMEND to the City of Inverness Area Committee that it approve the publication of the Council's responses to the representations, as set out in Appendix 2, on the Council's website.

Inverness City Area Committee outcome

The City of Inverness Area Committee thereafter approved the recommendation on 18 May 2026, as detailed in Item 17(ii) of the meeting agenda without further discussion.