

NIGG AND SHANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please send all correspondence to:
The Secretary: Mrs E Waring
Nigg and Shandwick Community Council
The Old Post Office House,
Pitcalnie, Nigg by Tain,
Ross-shire, IV19 1QP

Phone Number: 

H.C. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE		
28 APR 2011		
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FILE REF:		

IMFLDP Call For Sites,
Director of Planning & development,
Glenurquhart Road,
Inverness,
IV3 5NX

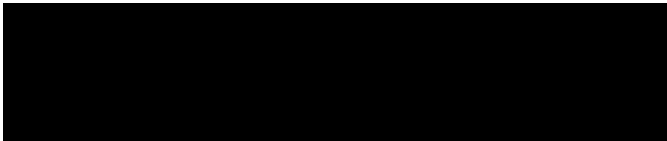
22nd April 2011

Dear Mr Stott,

Please find enclosed details of a request for a restriction to development on the Hill of Nigg regarding the Call for Sites in the Inner Moray Firth. The vast majority of our community wish to see this put in force. You will notice we have only sent you page 5 together with attachments as we were told by you during your recent telephone conversation with my husband, John Waring that this was all that was required for safeguarding a site from building. The rest of the document covers sites being proposed for Development.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Yours sincerely,



Eveline Waring (Mrs)
Secretary, Nigg and Shandwick CC

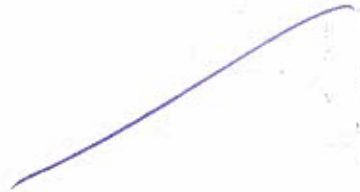
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1. Page 5 of Site Forms
 2. Hand written reasons why the Hill of Nigg should be safe guarded from building.
 3. Map of the area
 4. Legend

YOUR DETAILS	
Your Name (and organisation if applicable)	EVELINE WARING
Your Address / Contact Details	The Old Post Office House Pitcairnie NIGG IV19 1QP
Landowner's Name (if known / applicable)	Various landowners
Agent (if applicable)	N/A
Agent's Address / Contact Details (if applicable)	N/A

DETAILS OF SITE SUGGESTED	
Site Address	NORTH SUTOR'S
Site/Local Name (if different from above)	HILL OF NIGG
Site Size (hectares)	-
Grid Reference (if known)	See attached Map
Proposed Use (e.g. housing, affordable housing, employment, retail, waste, gypsy traveller, utility, community, retained public open space)	Retain undeveloped as a local beauty spot / tourist attraction and a protected wildlife area.
Proposed Non Housing Floorspace / Number of Housing Units (if known/applicable)	N/A
Map	(please attach a map of the site ideally on an Ordnance Survey base)

If you wish to suggest a site that should <u>not</u> be built on, fill in this form	
REASONS WHY YOUR SITE SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED FROM BUILDING - PLEASE SEE ATTACHED INFO	
How do the public enjoy the space - e.g. used for dog walking, children's play?	beauty spot, walking, viewing, fishing; observing birds and other wildlife
What makes the site more special than other areas in the village/town?	because it can be seen from miles around and is recognised from land or sea
Does the site have attractive or rare features such as mature trees, historical significance or protected wildlife?	Ancient Woodland Historic Significance abundance of wildlife landscape beauty

Landowners, developers and/or agents wishing to suggest a site should fill in the following form and as much as possible of the strategic environmental assessment form (at the end of this document) which assesses the environmental effects of possible development sites.

If you wish to suggest a site that should be built on, fill in this form	
REASONS FOR YOUR DEVELOPMENT SITE SUGGESTION	
How can the site be serviced? (give details of proposed access, foul drainage, surface water and water supply arrangements)	
FORM CONTINUES BELOW	

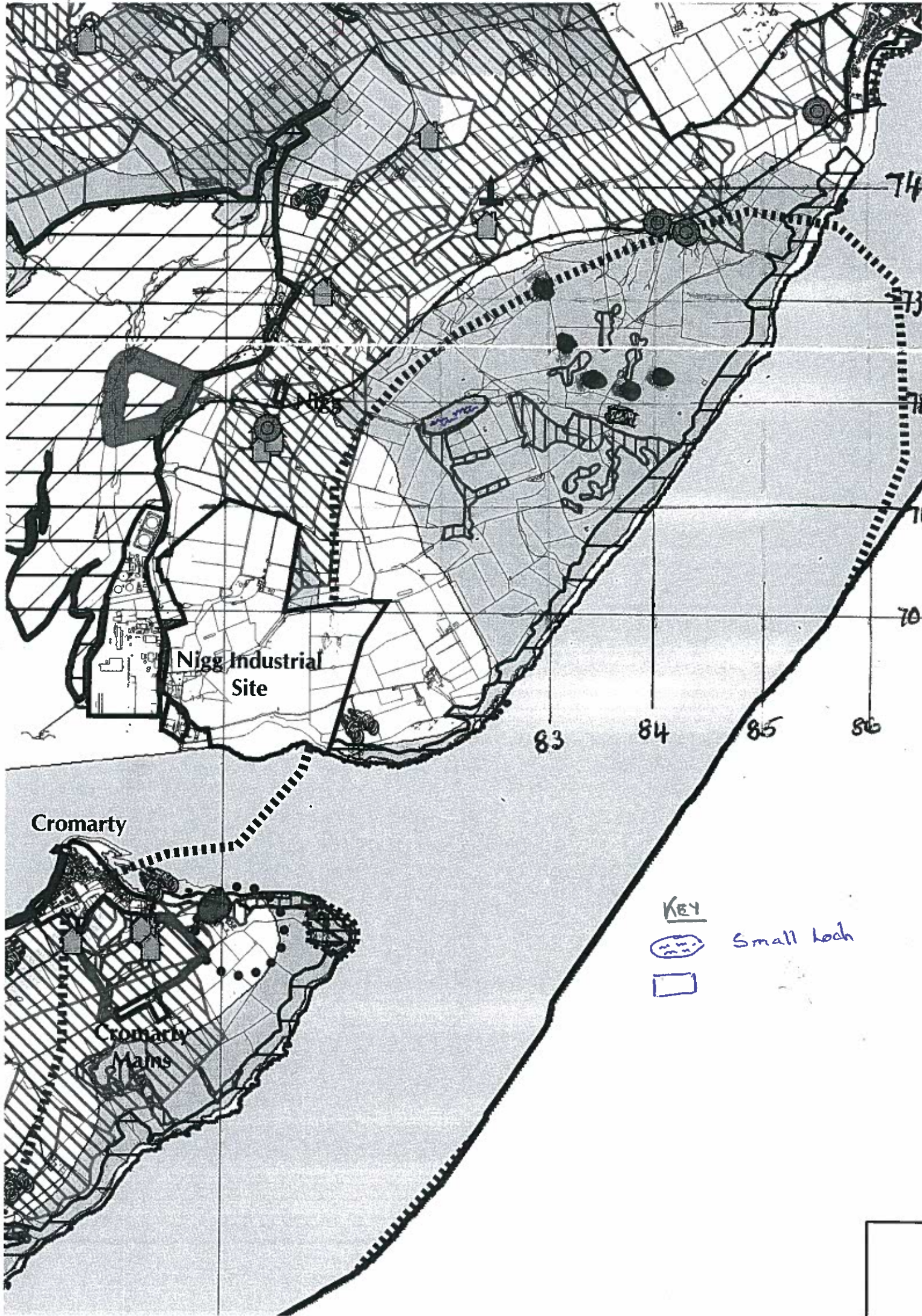
OUR REASONS WHY THE 'HILL OF NIGG' SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED FROM BUILDING

The Sutors of which this is the North Sutor, known locally as the 'Hill of Nigg', are a pair of matching hills each side of the entrance to the Cromarty Firth. They are well known and loved beauty spots enjoyed both by the locals and tourists who come to the area by land and sea. Cruise liners constantly sail between them on their way to Invergordon and out again (50 liners due this year carrying over 74,000 tourists).

The Hill of Nigg (as can be seen from the attached map) has a Special Protection Area on its seaward side and its borders have a number of Scheduled Ancient Monuments. It is also rightly designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value now called a Special Landscape Area. On the Hill there is a small Loch/Dam and a number of Semi-Natural and Ancient Woodlands. There is a path up to the loch and beyond which people often use including those interested in fishing. On the lochside there is a holiday cottage.

Wildlife abound in this area all the year through further increased during the migration season by thousands of birds such as Ducks, Geese, Swans etc. As your planning Department are aware massive local feelings were aroused against Wind Turbines being put on the Hill of Nigg when this was first proposed with over 65% voicing their objection. This feeling has increased over the years with even more wanting the wonderful 'Hill of Nigg' left undeveloped.

It is difficult to envisage an area which is more appropriate for keeping as it is now for our generation and generations to come. We respectfully ask you to aid us in preserving this beautiful area of our countryside by designating the 'Hill of Nigg' an area where no building is to take place unless it is complementary to the surrounding landscape.



Nigg Industrial Site

Cromarty

Cromarty Mains

KEY










Small Loch













LEGEND



















BP4 FEATURES

- ✓  Schedulded Ancient Monument
-  Within 400m of an active quarry
-  Special Area of Conservation
-  Ramsar Site
- ✓  Special Protection Area
-  Sewage Treatment Works Buffer
-  Marine Special Area of Conservation

BP2 FEATURES

-  Category B&C Listed Buildings
- ✓  Area of Great Landscape Value (Regional)
-  Defence Installation
-  Civil Aviation Authority Safeguard
-  Designed Landscape
-  Local Nature Conservation Interest
-  Water Catchment Area
- ✓  Poorly Drained Land *(we call a small beach)*
-  Within 15m of Water Reserves
-  National Scenic Area

BP3 FEATURES

-  War Memorial
-  Category A Listed Buildings
-  Rights of Way
-  Railway Line
-  Pipelines
-  Overhead Lines
-  Within 1000m of Wind Generators
-  Views over open water/coast
- ✓  Area of Great Landscape Value
- ✓  SSSI
-  National Nature Reserve
-  Prime Agricultural Land
- ✓  Semi-Natural & Ancient Woodland
-  Tree Preservation Order
-  Within 150m of Trunk/Major Road corridors
- ✓  Remote Area
- ✓  **PROPOSE WIND TURBINES**
- ✓  **BORROW PIT - PROPOSED**

OTHER

-  Local Plan Boundary
-  Inset Boundary

The items ticked (✓) are contained within the area we wish to preserve.