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Subject: Call for Sites

Nigg and Shandwick Community Council

To Director of Planning and Development
Highland Council

Dear Mr Stott,

Complementary to material already submitted by Nigg and Shandwick Community Council requesting restriction on development on Hill of Nigg, we wish to suggest that the following land should not be built on:

Present land owners: We believe DSM Demolition Group

Site Address: nr Balnapaling, Nigg Ferry

Site Size: 15 hectares, or thereabouts

Grid Ref: area centred on NH 800695, sand dunes and grazing land east of B9175 at Nigg Ferry.

We propose that this land should be retained as public open space and grazing land. The area referred to is that labelled "Nigg Industrial Site" on the map we have already submitted. This is an area presently enjoyed by fishers, dogwalkers, falconers, long distance walkers and birdwatchers. It contains areas of ancient woodland and borders long established domestic and commercial residences.. Once a golf course, it still retains relics from both world wars.

NSCC wish to reiterate earlier objections to any industrial development outside Nigg Yard, considering such industrial sprawl would encroach on an area designated as of Great Landscape Value, part, too of a coastal Site of Special Scientific Interest. Any upslope development which would impinge on the view of the North Sutor from its southern neighbour, the Cromarty shore, and from the increasing number of cruise liners docking at Invergordon, as a base for passengers who visit this area of the Highlands, would surely have adverse effects on the amenities of the area .While this community council welcomes the reinvigoration of Nigg Dry Dock and its associated yards, it feels that protection of this up-hill space from industrial development need not unduly inhibit the development of Nigg Yard itself, a space which once employed many thousands within its present boundaries.

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