IMFLDP Call for Sites Director of Planning and Development Glenurquhart Road INVERNESS IV3 5NX

Our Ref: HT/LMO 2468

Your Ref:

Date: 26 April 2011

Dear Sirs

MR AND MRS MANSON, NEWMORE MAINS INNER MORAY FIRTH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMISSION

Please find enclosed three separate site forms for three sites in our clients' ownership, which we wish to be considered as part of the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan process.

Each of these three sites are currently part of our clients agricultural holding and should you wish any further information on any of these sites then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In the meantime we trust you find the above and enclosed to be in order.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

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Site Forms

YOUR DETAILS	
Your Name (and organisation	Mr & Mrs A Manson
if applicable)	
Your Address / Contact	Per Messrs Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Details	Barnhill, Pluscarden, By Elgin, Moray,
	IV30 8TZ
	Email: helen@bowlts.com
	Tel: 01343 890400
Landowner's Name (if	Alexander D C and Sarah J Manson
known / applicable)	
Agent (if applicable)	Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Agent's Address / Contact	Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Details (if applicable)	Barnhill, Pluscarden, By Elgin, Moray,
	IV30 8TZ
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	Tel: 01343 890400

DETAILS OF SITE SUGGESTED	
Site Address	Land at Badachonacher
Site/Local Name (if different	N/A
from above	
Site Size (hectares)	0.82 ha
Grid Reference (if known)	NH 694 731
Proposed Use (e.g. housing,	Housing
affordable housing,	
employment, retail, waste,	
gypsy traveller, utility,	
community, retained public	
open space)	
Proposed Non Housing	3 units
Floorspace / Number of	
Housing Units (if	
known/applicable)	
Мар	(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		
How do the public	N/A		
enjoy the space - e.g.			
used for dog walking,			
children's play?			
What makes the site	N/A		
more special than other			
areas in the			
village/town?			
Does the site have	N/A		
attractive or rare			
features such as mature			
trees, historical			
significance or			
protected wildlife?			

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If you wish to suggest a site that should be built on, fill in this form				
REASONS FOI	R YOUR DEVELOPMENT SITE SUGGESTION			
How can the site be	Mains water supply is in close proximity to the site.			
serviced?	Sewage will be dealt with by septic tank and			
(give details of	soakaway systems.			
proposed access, foul	Access will be directly onto the unclassified road			
drainage, surface water	leading from Rhicullen to Scotsburn. Visibility is			
and water supply	good and the road is straight at the development			
arrangements) site.				
	FORM CONTINUES BELOW			

REASONS FOR YOUR DEVELOPMENT SITE SUGGESTION			
What are the site's constraints and how can they be resolved or reduced? (e.g. does the site flood, are there protected species present, will good farmland be lost, will the local landscape be affected, will valued trees be felled, are any other heritage features likely to be affected?)	The site has no known development constraints.		
What benefits will result to the wider community from the site's development? (e.g. will there be more or better jobs, will the land be put to a more productive use, will the development increase infrastructure capacity for others, will more affordable houses result, is there an unmet demand for the development?)	The proposed development would "square off" the field within which it sits, and allow a cohesive development well fitted to the existing housing cluster.		
What impact will there be on travel patterns from the site's development? (e.g. will more or less people engage in active and healthy travel (walk / cycle) or go by public transport as a result of the site's development rather than travel by private car?)	The site is approximately 1.5 miles north of the A9 just north of Invergordon. The A9 is the main arterial route north and south and has a busy bus route within walking distance of the development site.		
Is the site well connected? (e.g. will the average travel time to community and commercial facilities reduce or increase as a result of the site's development, is the proposed use compatible with existing / proposed surrounding uses?)	The site is only 1.5 miles north of the A9, the main link road between Perth and the North of Scotland.		
Is the site energy efficient? (e.g. will the site allow for energy efficient siting, layout, building design and local renewable energy source connection?)	It is envisaged that the plot size for each unit will be of a good size and would therefore offer scope for the design of each unit to incorporate energy efficient features.		
What other negative impacts will the development have and how will they be resolved or offset? (e.g. will the site's development increase any form of pollution or decrease public safety?)	None have been identified.		

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Landowners, developers and/or agents wishing to suggest a site should fill in as much as possible of the following form. Strategic environmental assessment of local development plan sites is now a statutory requirement and considers the possible environmental effects of development proposals. We will check your answers and fill in any gaps.

No.	Issue	Detailed Explanation	Answer	Any Proposed Mitigation Measures (how will you reduce or offset the effects of your development?)
1	a) Will the site safeguard any existing open space within the area?b) Will the site enable high quality open space to be provided within the area?	Will the site have any impact on useable public open space (such as parks, playing fields etc) or any opportunities to create additional public open space?	 a) No – The proposed site is not a public space at present as it is used for agricultural purposes, however the plot sizes proposed will allow for open spaces between the houses. b) N/A 	
2	Will the site encourage and enable provision for active travel (walking, cycling and public transport use)?	Is any part of the site within 400m straight line distance of any community/commercial building? or will development provide a community/commercial building within walking distance of existing residential areas? - Are there opportunities to create new walking/cycling routes or improve existing routes?	The site is only 3 miles north of Invergordon and therefore commuting could easily be by bicycle or public transport. The rural nature of the site allows for walking and cycling along the rural roads in the area.	
3	Does the site provide an opportunity for you to provide a financial contribution towards encouraging more sustainable travel patterns?	For example, can a subsidy to a local bus route be provided?	N/A	
4	Will the site involve "off site" road improvements that will contribute to road safety?	Is the site likely to improve the local road network such as junctions or crossings?	No	There are no required improvements which have been identified.
5	Is there scope for road	Will development incorporate on-site traffic	Yes	The development if of a suitable

	safety measures as part of the development of the site?	calming measures (e.g. speed bumps) or street lighting? Will it incorporate the principles of Designing Streets available via: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2 010/03/22120652/0		scale could incorporate traffic calming measures within its road system, as required under the principles of designing streets.
6	Is the site near any existing "bad neighbour" uses?	Will the site be negatively affected by any neighbouring use? (bad neighbour uses include those that affect residential property by way of fumes, vibration, noise, artificial lighting etc). Is the site affected by any of the Physical Constraints identified in the Council's Physical Constraints: Supplementary Guidance?	No, the neighbouring uses are residential and agricultural and no negative effects are anticipated from these.	N/A
7	Are there any contaminated land issues affecting the site?	Are you aware if the site has been previously used for industrial or any other uses likely to cause contamination?	No – none that we are aware of.	N/A
8	a) Is the site on derelict, vacant or other land that has previously been used?	a) Has the site been identified in Scottish Government's Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (which can be found here: http://scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/26135819/0)or has the land got an existing use?	a) No	
	b) Is the site on greenfield land?	b) Will the site be located on presently undeveloped land e.g. presently or capably used for agriculture, forestry or amenity purposes?	b) Yes it is a difficult area in an agricultural field at present.	
9	Is the site within the current settlement boundary?	Is the site within any identified settlement boundary in the Local Plan? Is it allocated for any uses?	No	However it does relate to the existing housing cluster at Badachonacher.
10	Will the site affect the distinctiveness and special qualities of the present landscape character or affect any landscape designation?	Does the site conform with the Landscape Capacity Assessment (if available)? Will the site result in the removal of valued landscape features or negatively affect any key views? Is it located within or would otherwise affect a National Scenic Area or Special Landscape	No	The site will have no impact on any landscape designations. The development will have no impact on the skyline and is well screened.

		Area, having regard to their special qualities?		
11	Will the site affect any areas with qualities of wildness? (that is land in its original natural state?) Will the site affect a	Area, having regard to their special qualities? Are you aware if the site is inside or likely to affect an area of Wild Land? (These areas are identified on Map 3 of SNH's Policy Statement, Wildness in Scotland's Countryside) and areas of Remote Coast identified by the Council, or an area of wildness identified in the draft Wild Land Supplementary Guidance? Is the site inside or likely to affect the	The site will not affect any wild land No	N/A
13	conservation area? Will the site impact on any listed building and/or its setting?	character of a confirmed Conservation Area? Is there a listed building or a part of the setting "area" of a listed building within the site?	No	N/A
14	Will the site affect a site identified in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes?	Is any part of the site inside the outer boundary of an Inventory "entry" or will the site affect the setting of an "entry"?	No	N/A
15	Will the site affect any locally important archaeological sites identified in the Historic Environment Record?	Does the site contain any features identified in the HER? If yes, will the site affect the feature?	No	N/A
16	Will the site impact on any Scheduled (Ancient) Monument and/or its setting?	Is there any SAM within the site boundary or will a SAM be affected?	No	N/A
17	a) Will the site affect any natural heritage designation or area identified for its importance to nature conservation?	a) Is any part of the site inside or likely to affect the designation (SAC, SPA, SSSI, NNR, Ramsar) or Local Nature Conservation Site?	A) No	N/A
	b) Will the site affect any other important habitat	b) Is any part of the site within or likely to affect non-statutory features identified as	B) No	

	for the natural heritage?	being of nature conservation importance e.g. Ancient, Semi-Natural or Long-Established Woodland Inventory sites, priority BAP habitats, habitats included on the Scottish Biodiversity List, non-designated habitats listed in Annex 1 of EC Habitats Directive?		
18	a) Will the site affect any protected species?	a) Will the site affect any European Protected Species, Badgers and species (birds, animals and plants) protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended. If such a species may be present on or near the site, a survey should be carried out to inform this assessment (for which a licence from SNH may be required)	A) No – No evidence of any protected species at time of inspection.	
	b) Will the site affect any other important species for the natural heritage?	b) Will the site affect species listed in the UK and Local BAPs, the Scottish Biodiversity List and relevant annexes of the EC Habitats Directive?	B) No – No evidence of any important species at time of inspection	
19	Is the site proposed to provide any form of renewable energy?	For example, will the site provide or be capable of providing a district heating system, solar panels of a wind turbine?	On a domestic scale.	The nature of the site does not allow for any renewable energy production on a medium to large scale. There may be opportunities for renewable energy production a domestic scale, especially as plot sizes will be large.
20	Is any part of the site at risk from fluvial or coastal flooding as shown on SEPA's flood map or from local knowledge?	Are you aware of any part of the site being within the 1 in 200 year flood risk contour as identified by SEPA? (which can be found here: http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding/flood-risk-maps/view-the-map.aspx)	No	N/A
21	Will development of the site result in the need for changes in land form and level? If yes, how will soil and drainage issues be addressed?	Will there by any change in rate, quantity, quality of run-off plus groundwater impact on or off site? If so, will these affect priority habitats, especially blanket bog?	No	Minimal ground works will be required. Our proposal would be to keep all soil on the site for landscaping purposes where possible.

22	Is there a watercourse, loch or sea within or adjacent to the site? If yes, how will the water environment be protected from development?	Will there be any culverting, diversion or channelling of existing watercourses?	No	N/A
23	Will the site offer opportunities for sustainable waste management?	Will the waste produced by the site be minimised and processed close to source in a sustainable way?	Yes	It is proposed that waste during construction is minimised by keeping all soil on site for landscaping purposes. The plot sizes envisaged will allow provision for composting at a domestic scale. The close proximity to Invergordon would support sustainable waste management.
24	Can the site be connected to the public water and sewerage system?	Can the site be connected at reasonable cost? If not, what alternative is proposed?	Water Yes Sewerage –via private septic tanks and soakaways.	The mains water is located nearby. Sewerage will be dealt with via private septic tanks and soakaways.
25	Will the site require alteration to the local landform?	Can the site (including access) be developed without significant re-contouring etc.? Will access tracks and parking areas have significant cut and fill?	No – the site is relatively flat so little alteration will be required to the land form.	N/A
26	Will the site affect or be affected by coastal erosion or natural coastal processes?	This will be noted on any relevant shoreline management plan.	No	N/A
27	Is the site sheltered from the prevailing wind and does it have a principal aspect between SW and SE?	Will development make best use of the site in terms of energy efficiency?	Yes, the site has a mainly southerly aspect and is well sheltered to the north by the land form.	
28	Will the site have any impact upon local air quality?	Is the site near areas of employment or close to public transport? Such developments are less likely to result in additional traffic which may contribute to air pollution.	No	The number of households proposed would not lead to a significant increase in traffic. The close proximity of the site to Invergordon

29	Will the site have an impact on light pollution levels?	Is it likely that the Council policy likely will require street lighting at this location? Are there proposals for floodlighting on the site?	Potentially	means residents could cycle or use public transport, or if they choose drive. It would be a short commute to Invergordon. The site will comply with lighting obligations as required by the Highland Council. The site will have no additional out door lighting other than that required by the council.
30	a) Will it the site affect the present green network of the area?	a) Will the site affect features that currently provide for the movement of species and/or people e.g. woodland, hedgerows, field margins, watercourses, coastlines, tree belts, greenspace?	No	It is a relatively small site of low density housing so there should still be a green network between the houses.
	b) Will the site provide opportunities to enhance the present green network of the area?	b) Will connectively of natural features or open space and paths used for public amenity be improved? Will existing fragmentation of habitats and open spaces be improved? Will species be enabled to move where at present there is an obstacle?		
31	Will the site provide opportunities for people to come into contact with and appreciate nature/natural environments?	Is the site close to (within 1.5km) an opportunity to come into contact with nature/natural environments e.g. Local Nature Reserves, local greenspace, green networks? Are there proposals which will increase opportunities to come into contact with nature/natural environments?	Yes	By encouraging people to live in rural areas it will encourage people to come into contact with natural environments
32	a) Will the site affect any core paths or right of way?b) Will the site affect any other existing paths or outdoor access opportunities?	a) Is a diversion of a core path or right of way required? Will there be any impact on the usability of a core path or right of way? b) Will it affect an existing path in the Highland Path Record? Will it provide additional access opportunities or adversely affect access opportunities afforded by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003?	No - There are no core paths through the site and the site does not give access to any areas where people are likely to wish to gain access under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. No new paths will be created beyond the site, however the rural nature of the proposal allows for residents to enjoy many walks along rural roads.	

	c) Will the allocation provide new access opportunities within the site and linking to the path network beyond the site?	c) Will new paths be created within and beyond the site? Will any existing paths be improved e.g. to increase accessibility to a wider range of users? Will the site help to realise priorities identified in the Council's outdoor access strategy or aspirational paths identified in the core path plans?		
33	Will the site have an impact on the geodiversity of the area?	Are you aware if the site lies within or adjacent to an un-notified Geological Conservation Review site or Local Geodiversity Site? (or other site with geodiversity value e.g. distinctive landforms, areas with natural processes, rock exposures for study?)	No	N/A
34	Will soil quality and capability of the site be adversely affected?	Will the site result in a loss of soil due to development or removal of good quality soil from the site? Is the site on land identified as Prime Quality Agricultural Land?	No	N/A
35	Is the site on peatland?	Is the site within or functionally connected to an area of peatland? Would the allocation involve the disturbance of peat? If yes, how would impacts on peatland be avoided or minimised? Would any tree felling be required?	No	N/A
36	Will the site have any affect on the viability of a crofting unit?	Does the site represent a significant loss of good quality inbye crofting land or common grazing land?	No	N/A

Site Forms

YOUR DETAILS	
Your Name (and organisation	Mr & Mrs A Manson
if applicable)	
Your Address / Contact	Per Messrs Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Details	Barnhill, Pluscarden, By Elgin , Moray, IV30 8TZ
	Email: helen@bowlts.com
	Tel: 01343 890400
Landowner's Name (if	Alexander D C and Sarah J Manson
known / applicable)	
Agent (if applicable)	Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Agent's Address / Contact	Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Details (if applicable)	Barnhill, Pluscarden, By Elgin, Moray,
	IV30 8TZ
	Email: helen@bowlts.com
	Tel: 01343 890400

DETAILS OF SITE SUGGESTED	
Site Address	
Site/Local Name (if different	Land at Rhicullen
from above	
Site Size (hectares)	4.94 ha
Grid Reference (if known)	NH695 719
Proposed Use (e.g. housing,	Housing
affordable housing,	
employment, retail, waste,	
gypsy traveller, utility,	
community, retained public	
open space)	
Proposed Non Housing	
Floorspace / Number of	
Housing Units (if	
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How do the public	N/A		
enjoy the space - e.g.			
used for dog walking,			
children's play?			
What makes the site	N/A		
more special than other			
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REASONS FO	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)	Mains water supply is in close proximity to the site. There are a number of potential access routes available to the development site.			

FORM CONTINUES BELOW	
REASONS FOR YO	OUR DEVELOPMENT SITE SUGGESTION
What are the site's constraints and how can they be resolved or reduced? (e.g. does the site flood, are there protected species present, will good farmland be lost, will the local landscape be affected, will valued trees be felled, are any other heritage features likely to be affected?)	The site has no known development constraints.
What benefits will result to the wider community from the site's development? (e.g. will there be more or better jobs, will the land be put to a more productive use, will the development increase infrastructure capacity for others, will more affordable houses result, is there an unmet demand for the development?)	The proposed development would tidy up an area of poor agricultural land and put it to a more productive use. The proposed site will allow a cohesive development well fitted to the existing housing cluster.
What impact will there be on travel patterns from the site's development? (e.g. will more or less people engage in active and healthy travel (walk / cycle) or go by public transport as a result of the site's development rather than travel by private car?)	The site is approximately 0.7 miles north of the A9 just north of Invergordon. The A9 is the main arterial route north and south and has a busy bus route within walking distance of the development site.
Is the site well connected? (e.g. will the average travel time to community and commercial facilities reduce or increase as a result of the site's development, is the proposed use compatible with existing / proposed surrounding uses?)	The site is only 0.7 miles miles north of the A9, the main link road between Perth and the North of Scotland.
Is the site energy efficient? (e.g. will the site allow for energy efficient siting, layout, building design and local renewable energy source connection?)	It is envisaged that the plot size for each unit will be of a good size and would therefore offer scope for the design of each unit to incorporate energy efficient features.
What other negative impacts will the development have and how will they be resolved or offset? (e.g. will the site's development increase any form of pollution or decrease public safety?)	None have been identified.

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2	Will the site encourage and enable provision for active travel (walking, cycling and public transport use)?	Is any part of the site within 400m straight line distance of any community/commercial building? or will development provide a community/commercial building within walking distance of existing residential areas? - Are there opportunities to create new walking/cycling routes or improve existing routes?	The site is only 1.7 miles miles north of Invergordon and therefore commuting could easily be by bicycle or public transport. The rural nature of the site allows for walking and cycling along the rural roads in the area.	
3	Does the site provide an opportunity for you to provide a financial contribution towards encouraging more sustainable travel patterns?	For example, can a subsidy to a local bus route be provided?	N/A	
4	Will the site involve "off site" road improvements that will contribute to road safety?	Is the site likely to improve the local road network such as junctions or crossings?	No	There are no required improvements which have been identified.
5	Is there scope for road	Will development incorporate on-site traffic	Yes	The development if of a suitable

	safety measures as part of the development of the site?	calming measures (e.g. speed bumps) or street lighting? Will it incorporate the principles of Designing Streets available via: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2 010/03/22120652/0		scale could incorporate traffic calming measures within its road system, as required under the principles of designing streets.
6	Is the site near any existing "bad neighbour" uses?	Will the site be negatively affected by any neighbouring use? (bad neighbour uses include those that affect residential property by way of fumes, vibration, noise, artificial lighting etc). Is the site affected by any of the Physical Constraints identified in the Council's Physical Constraints: Supplementary Guidance?	No, the neighbouring uses are residential and agricultural and no negative effects are anticipated from these.	N/A
7	Are there any contaminated land issues affecting the site?	Are you aware if the site has been previously used for industrial or any other uses likely to cause contamination?	No – none that we are aware of.	N/A
8	a) Is the site on derelict, vacant or other land that has previously been used?	a) Has the site been identified in Scottish Government's Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (which can be found here: http://scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/26135819/0)or has the land got an existing use?	a) No	
	b) Is the site on greenfield land?	b) Will the site be located on presently undeveloped land e.g. presently or capably used for agriculture, forestry or amenity purposes?	b) Yes it is a difficult area in an agricultural field at present.	
9	Is the site within the current settlement boundary?	Is the site within any identified settlement boundary in the Local Plan? Is it allocated for any uses?	No	However it connects well with the housing cluster at Rhicullen.
10	Will the site affect the distinctiveness and special qualities of the present landscape character or affect any landscape designation?	Does the site conform with the Landscape Capacity Assessment (if available)? Will the site result in the removal of valued landscape features or negatively affect any key views? Is it located within or would otherwise affect a National Scenic Area or Special Landscape Area, having regard to their special qualities?	No	The site will have no impact on any landscape designations. The development will have no impact on the skyline and is well screened.

11	Will the site affect any	Are you aware if the site is inside or likely to	The site will not affect any wild land	N/A
111	·	1	The site will not affect any wild faild	IN/A
	areas with qualities of	affect an area of Wild Land? (These areas are		
	wildness? (that is land in	identified on Map 3 of SNH's Policy		
	its original natural	Statement, Wildness in Scotland's		
	state?)	Countryside) and areas of Remote Coast		
		identified by the Council, or an area of		
		wildness identified in the draft Wild Land		
		Supplementary Guidance?		
12	Will the site affect a	Is the site inside or likely to affect the	No	N/A
	conservation area?	character of a confirmed Conservation Area?		
13	Will the site impact on	Is there a listed building or a part of the	No	N/A
	any listed building	setting "area" of a listed building within the		
	and/or its setting?	site?		
14	Will the site affect a site	Is any part of the site inside the outer	No	N/A
	identified in the	boundary of an Inventory "entry" or will the		
	Inventory of Gardens	site affect the setting of an "entry"?		
	and Designed	,		
	Landscapes?			
15	Will the site affect any	Does the site contain any features identified	No	N/A
	locally important	in the HER? If yes, will the site affect the		,
	archaeological sites	feature?		
	identified in the Historic			
	Environment Record?			
16	Will the site impact on	Is there any SAM within the site boundary or	No	N/A
	any Scheduled (Ancient)	will a SAM be affected?		
	Monument and/or its	Will a State Se arrested.		
	setting?			
17	a) Will the site affect any	a) Is any part of the site inside or likely to	A) No	N/A
1,	natural heritage	affect the designation (SAC, SPA, SSSI, NNR,	,,,	.,,,
	designation or area	Ramsar) or Local Nature Conservation Site?		
	identified for its	Ramsary or Local Nature Conservation Site:		
	importance to nature			
	conservation?			
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	b) Will the site affect any	b) Is any part of the site within or likely to	B) No	
	other important habitat	affect non-statutory features identified as		
	for the natural heritage?	being of nature conservation importance e.g.		
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		Ancient, Semi-Natural or Long-Established		
		Woodland Inventory sites, priority BAP		
		habitats, habitats included on the Scottish		
		Biodiversity List, non-designated habitats		
		listed in Annex 1 of EC Habitats Directive?		
18	a) Will the site affect any	a) Will the site affect any European Protected	A) No – No evidence of any protected	However, adjacent land is available
10	protected species?	Species, Badgers and species (birds, animals	species at time of inspection.	which could be made available and
	protected species:	and plants) protected under the Wildlife and	species at time of hispection.	has the capacity to accommodate a
		Countryside Act 1981 as amended. If such a		community type renewable scheme
		species may be present on or near the site, a		in relation to the development.
		survey should be carried out to inform this		in relation to the development.
		assessment (for which a licence from SNH		
		may be required)		
		,,		
	b) Will the site affect any	b) Will the site affect species listed in the UK	B) No – No evidence of any important	
	other important species	and Local BAPs, the Scottish Biodiversity List	species at time of inspection	
	for the natural heritage?	and relevant annexes of the EC Habitats	·	
	_	Directive?		
19	Is the site proposed to	For example, will the site provide or be	On a domestic scale.	The nature of the site does not allow
	provide any form of	capable of providing a district heating		for any renewable energy production
	renewable energy?	system, solar panels of a wind turbine?		on a medium to large scale. There
				may be opportunities for renewable
				energy production a domestic scale,
				especially as plot sizes will be large.
20	Is any part of the site at	Are you aware of any part of the site being	No	N/A
	risk from fluvial or	within the 1 in 200 year flood risk contour as		
	coastal flooding as	identified by SEPA? (which can be found		
	shown on SEPA's flood	here:		
	map or from local	http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding/flood_risk_		
	knowledge?	maps/view the map.aspx)		
21	Will development of the	Will there by any change in rate, quantity,	No	Minimal ground works will be
	site result in the need	quality of run-off plus groundwater impact		required. Our proposal would be to
	for changes in land form	on or off site? If so, will these affect priority		keep all soil on the site for
	and level? If yes, how	habitats, especially blanket bog?		landscaping purposes where
	will soil and drainage			possible.
22	issues be addressed?	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		2010
22	Is there a watercourse,	Will there be any culverting, diversion or	No	N/A

	loch or sea within or adjacent to the site? If yes, how will the water environment be protected from development?	channelling of existing watercourses?		
23	Will the site offer opportunities for sustainable waste management?	Will the waste produced by the site be minimised and processed close to source in a sustainable way?	Yes	It is proposed that waste during construction is minimised by keeping all soil on site for landscaping purposes. The plot sizes envisaged will allow provision for composting at a domestic scale. The close proximity to Inverness would support sustainable waste management.
24	Can the site be connected to the public water and sewerage system?	Can the site be connected at reasonable cost? If not, what alternative is proposed?	Water Yes Sewerage –via private septic tanks and soakaways.	The mains water is located nearby. Sewerage will be to the public mains.
25	Will the site require alteration to the local landform?	Can the site (including access) be developed without significant re-contouring etc.? Will access tracks and parking areas have significant cut and fill?	No – the site is relatively flat so little alteration will be required to the land form.	N/A
26	Will the site affect or be affected by coastal erosion or natural coastal processes?	This will be noted on any relevant shoreline management plan.	No	N/A
27	Is the site sheltered from the prevailing wind and does it have a principal aspect between SW and SE?	Will development make best use of the site in terms of energy efficiency?	Yes, the site has a mainly southerly aspect and is well sheltered to the north by the land form.	
28	Will the site have any impact upon local air quality?	Is the site near areas of employment or close to public transport? Such developments are less likely to result in additional traffic which may contribute to air pollution.	No	The number of households proposed would not lead to a significant increase in traffic. The close proximity of the site to Invergordon means residents could cycle or use

29	Will the site have an impact on light pollution levels?	Is it likely that the Council policy likely will require street lighting at this location? Are there proposals for floodlighting on the site?	Potentially	public transport, or if they choose drive. It would be a short commute to Invergordon. The site will comply with lighting obligations as required by the Highland Council. The site will have no additional outdoor lighting other than that required by the council.
30	a) Will it the site affect the present green network of the area?	a) Will the site affect features that currently provide for the movement of species and/or people e.g. woodland, hedgerows, field margins, watercourses, coastlines, tree belts, greenspace?	No	It is a relatively small site of low density housing so there should still be a green network between the houses.
	b) Will the site provide opportunities to enhance the present green network of the area?	b) Will connectively of natural features or open space and paths used for public amenity be improved? Will existing fragmentation of habitats and open spaces be improved? Will species be enabled to move where at present there is an obstacle?		
31	Will the site provide opportunities for people to come into contact with and appreciate nature/natural environments?	Is the site close to (within 1.5km) an opportunity to come into contact with nature/natural environments e.g. Local Nature Reserves, local greenspace, green networks? Are there proposals which will increase opportunities to come into contact with nature/natural environments?	Yes	By encouraging people to live in rural areas it will encourage people to come into contact with natural environments
32	a) Will the site affect any core paths or right of way?b) Will the site affect any other existing paths or outdoor access opportunities?	a) Is a diversion of a core path or right of way required? Will there be any impact on the usability of a core path or right of way? b) Will it affect an existing path in the Highland Path Record? Will it provide additional access opportunities or adversely affect access opportunities afforded by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003?	No - There are no core paths through the site and the site does not give access to any areas where people are likely to wish to gain access under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. No new paths will be created beyond the site, however the rural nature of the proposal allows for residents to enjoy many walks along rural roads.	

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path network beyond	realise priorities identified in the Council's		
the site?	outdoor access strategy or aspirational paths		
	identified in the core path plans?		
Will the site have an	Are you aware if the site lies within or	No	N/A
impact on the	adjacent to an un-notified Geological		
geodiversity of the area?	Conservation Review site or Local		
	Geodiversity Site? (or other site with		
	geodiversity value e.g. distinctive landforms,		
	areas with natural processes, rock exposures		
	for study?)		
Will soil quality and	Will the site result in a loss of soil due to	No	N/A
capability of the site be	development or removal of good quality soil		
adversely affected?	from the site? Is the site on land identified as		
	Prime Quality Agricultural Land?		
Is the site on peatland?	Is the site within or functionally connected to	No	N/A
•	an area of peatland? Would the allocation		
	involve the disturbance of peat? If yes, how		
	would impacts on peatland be avoided or		
	minimised? Would any tree felling be		
	required?		
Will the site have any	Does the site represent a significant loss of	No	N/A
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Site Forms

YOUR DETAILS	
Your Name (and organisation	Mr & Mrs A Manson
if applicable)	
Your Address / Contact	Per Messrs Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Details	Barnhill, Pluscarden, By Elgin, Moray,
	IV30 8TZ
	Email: helen@bowlts.com
	Tel: 01343 890400
Landowner's Name (if	Alexander D C and Sarah J Manson
known / applicable)	
Agent (if applicable)	Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Agent's Address / Contact	Bowlts Chartered Surveyors
Details (if applicable)	Barnhill, Pluscarden, By Elgin, Moray,
	IV30 8TZ
	Email: helen@bowlts.com
	Tel: 01343 890400

DETAILS OF SITE SUGGESTED		
Site Address	Land adjacent to Newmore Water	
	treatment works	
Site/Local Name (if different	N/A	
from above		
Site Size (hectares)	TBC	
Grid Reference (if known)	NH 689 725	
Proposed Use (e.g. housing,	Housing	
affordable housing,		
employment, retail, waste,		
gypsy traveller, utility,		
community, retained public		
open space)		
Proposed Non Housing	Up to 7 housing units	
Floorspace / Number of		
Housing Units (if		
known/applicable)		
Мар	(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		
How do the public	N/A		
enjoy the space - e.g.			
used for dog walking,			
children's play?			
What makes the site	N/A		
more special than other			
areas in the			
village/town?			
Does the site have	N/A		
attractive or rare			
features such as mature			
trees, historical			
significance or			
protected wildlife?			

Landowners, developers and/or agents wishing to suggest a site should fill in the following form <u>and</u> 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	If you wish to suggest a site that should be built on, fill in this form		
REASONS FO	R YOUR DEVELOPMENT SITE SUGGESTION		
How can the site be	Mains water supply is in close proximity to the site.		
serviced?	Sewage will be dealt with by septic tank and		
(give details of	soakaway systems.		
proposed access, foul	Access will be directly onto the unclassified road		
drainage, surface water leading from Newmore Mains Farm to Scotsburn.			
and water supply Visibility is good and the road is straight at the			
arrangements) development site.			
	FORM CONTINUES BELOW		

REASONS FOR YOUR DEVELOPMENT SITE SUGGESTION			
What are the site's constraints and how can they be resolved or reduced?	The site has no known development constraints.		
(e.g. does the site flood, are there protected species present, will good farmland be lost, will the local landscape be affected, will valued trees be felled, are any other heritage features likely to be affected?)	It is understood that some water mains may run through part of the site. However, development could be planned to avoid these.		
What benefits will result to the wider community from the site's development? (e.g. will there be more or better jobs, will the land be put to a more productive use, will the development increase infrastructure capacity for others, will more affordable houses result, is there an unmet demand for the development?)	The area proposed is currently vacant waste land as the development of the adjacent water treatment works has left this area detached from the rest of the field. The proposed development of the site would facilitate more productive and aesthetically pleasing use of the land.		
What impact will there be on travel patterns from the site's development? (e.g. will more or less people engage in active and healthy travel (walk / cycle) or go by public transport as a result of the site's development rather than travel by private car?)	The site is approximately 1.8 miles north of the A9 just north of Invergordon. The A9 is the main arterial route north and south and has a busy bus route within walking distance of the development site.		
Is the site well connected? (e.g. will the average travel time to community and commercial facilities reduce or increase as a result of the site's development, is the proposed use compatible with existing / proposed surrounding uses?)	The site is only 1.8 miles north of the A9, the main link road between Perth and the North of Scotland.		
Is the site energy efficient? (e.g. will the site allow for energy efficient siting, layout, building design and local renewable energy source connection?)	It is envisaged that the plot size for each unit will be of a good size and would therefore offer scope for the design of each unit to incorporate energy efficient features.		
What other negative impacts will the development have and how will they be resolved or offset? (e.g. will the site's development increase any form of pollution or decrease public safety?)	None noted.		

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Landowners, developers and/or agents wishing to suggest a site should fill in as much as possible of the following form. Strategic environmental assessment of local development plan sites is now a statutory requirement and considers the possible environmental effects of development proposals. We will check your answers and fill in any gaps.

No.	Issue	Detailed Explanation	Answer	Any Proposed Mitigation Measures (how will you reduce or offset the effects of your development?)
1	a) Will the site safeguard any existing open space within the area?	Will the site have any impact on useable public open space (such as parks, playing fields etc) or any opportunities to create additional public open space?	 a) No – The proposed site is not a public space at present. However the plot sizes proposed will allow for open spaces around the houses. 	
	b) Will the site enable high quality open space to be provided within the area?		b) Depending upon the area zoned, it may be possible to incorporate appropriate open space.	
2	Will the site encourage and enable provision for active travel (walking, cycling and public transport use)?	Is any part of the site within 400m straight line distance of any community/commercial building? or will development provide a community/commercial building within walking distance of existing residential areas? - Are there opportunities to create new walking/cycling routes or improve existing routes?	The site is only 3.3 miles north of Invergordon and therefore commuting could easily be cycle or public transport. The rural nature of the site allows for walking and cycling along the roads in the area.	
3	Does the site provide an opportunity for you to provide a financial contribution towards encouraging more sustainable travel patterns?	For example, can a subsidy to a local bus route be provided?	N/A	
4	Will the site involve "off site" road improvements that will contribute to	Is the site likely to improve the local road network such as junctions or crossings?	N/A	There are no required improvements which have been identified.

	road safety?			
5	Is there scope for road safety measures as part of the development of the site?	Will development incorporate on-site traffic calming measures (e.g. speed bumps) or street lighting? Will it incorporate the principles of Designing Streets available via: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/03/22120652/0	Yes	The development if of a suitable scale could incorporate traffic calming measures within its road system, as required under the principles of designing streets.
6	Is the site near any existing "bad neighbour" uses?	Will the site be negatively affected by any neighbouring use? (bad neighbour uses include those that affect residential property by way of fumes, vibration, noise, artificial lighting etc). Is the site affected by any of the Physical Constraints identified in the Council's Physical Constraints: Supplementary Guidance?	No, the neighbouring uses are residential, agricultural and the Scottish Water Treatment Works no negative effects are anticipated from these.	N/A
7	Are there any contaminated land issues affecting the site?	Are you aware if the site has been previously used for industrial or any other uses likely to cause contamination?	No – none that we are aware of.	N/A
8	a) Is the site on derelict, vacant or other land that has previously been used?	a) Has the site been identified in Scottish Government's Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (which can be found here: http://scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/26135819/0)or has the land got an existing use?	a) No	
	b) Is the site on greenfield land?	b) Will the site be located on presently undeveloped land e.g. presently or capably used for agriculture, forestry or amenity purposes?	b) Yes, it comprises an awkward area which has become disjointed from the main agricultural field and has therefore been left as untidy waste land.	
9	Is the site within the current settlement boundary?	Is the site within any identified settlement boundary in the Local Plan? Is it allocated for any uses?	No	However it fits well with the current housing group at the roadside.
10	Will the site affect the distinctiveness and special qualities of the	Does the site conform with the Landscape Capacity Assessment (if available)? Will the site result in the removal of valued landscape	No	The site will have no impact on any landscape designations. The development will have no

	present landscape	features or negatively affect any key views?		impact on the skyline.
	character or affect any	Is it located within or would otherwise affect		impact on the skyline.
	landscape designation?	a National Scenic Area or Special Landscape		
	landscape designation:	Area, having regard to their special qualities?		
11	Will the site affect any	Are you aware if the site is inside or likely to	The site will not affect any wild land	N/A
	areas with qualities of	affect an area of Wild Land? (These areas are		1.47.1
	wildness? (that is land in	identified on Map 3 of SNH's Policy		
	its original natural	Statement, Wildness in Scotland's		
	state?)	Countryside) and areas of Remote Coast		
		identified by the Council, or an area of		
		wildness identified in the draft Wild Land		
		Supplementary Guidance?		
12	Will the site affect a	Is the site inside or likely to affect the	No	N/A
	conservation area?	character of a confirmed Conservation Area?		,
13	Will the site impact on	Is there a listed building or a part of the	No	N/A
	any listed building	setting "area" of a listed building within the		
	and/or its setting?	site?		
14	Will the site affect a site	Is any part of the site inside the outer	No	N/A
	identified in the	boundary of an Inventory "entry" or will the		
	Inventory of Gardens	site affect the setting of an "entry"?		
	and Designed			
	Landscapes?			
15	Will the site affect any	Does the site contain any features identified	No	N/A
	locally important	in the HER? If yes, will the site affect the		
	archaeological sites	feature?		
	identified in the Historic			
	Environment Record?			
16	Will the site impact on	Is there any SAM within the site boundary or	No	N/A
	any Scheduled (Ancient)	will a SAM be affected?		
	Monument and/or its			
47	setting?	All and the state of the state	A) N-	21/2
17	a) Will the site affect any	a) Is any part of the site inside or likely to	A) No	N/A
	natural heritage	affect the designation (SAC, SPA, SSSI, NNR,		
	designation or area identified for its	Ramsar) or Local Nature Conservation Site?		
	importance to nature			

	conservation?			
	b) Will the site affect any other important habitat for the natural heritage?	b) Is any part of the site within or likely to affect non-statutory features identified as being of nature conservation importance e.g. Ancient, Semi-Natural or Long-Established Woodland Inventory sites, priority BAP habitats, habitats included on the Scottish Biodiversity List, non-designated habitats listed in Annex 1 of EC Habitats Directive?	B) No	
18	a) Will the site affect any protected species?	a) Will the site affect any European Protected Species, Badgers and species (birds, animals and plants) protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended. If such a species may be present on or near the site, a survey should be carried out to inform this assessment (for which a licence from SNH may be required)	A) No – No evidence of any protected species at time of inspection.	
	b) Will the site affect any other important species for the natural heritage?	b) Will the site affect species listed in the UK and Local BAPs, the Scottish Biodiversity List and relevant annexes of the EC Habitats Directive?	B) No – No evidence of any important species at time of inspection	
19	Is the site proposed to provide any form of renewable energy?	For example, will the site provide or be capable of providing a district heating system, solar panels of a wind turbine?	On a domestic scale.	The nature of the site does not allow for any renewable energy production on a medium to large scale. There may be opportunities for renewable energy production a domestic scale.
20	Is any part of the site at risk from fluvial or coastal flooding as shown on SEPA's flood map or from local knowledge?	Are you aware of any part of the site being within the 1 in 200 year flood risk contour as identified by SEPA? (which can be found here: http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding/flood risk maps/view the map.aspx)	No	N/A
21	Will development of the site result in the need	Will there by any change in rate, quantity, quality of run-off plus groundwater impact	No	Minimal ground works will be required. It would be intended that

opportunities for sustainable waste management? 24		for changes in land form and level? If yes, how will soil and drainage issues be addressed?	on or off site? If so, will these affect priority habitats, especially blanket bog?		all soil would be retained on the site for landscaping purposes where possible.
opportunities for sustainable waste management? 24	22	loch or sea within or adjacent to the site? If yes, how will the water environment be protected from	•	Field ditch adjacent is not directly affected.	N/A
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		the prevailing wind and does it have a principal aspect between SW and SE?	in terms of energy efficiency?	and is well sheltered to the north by the land form.	The number of households proposed

	impact upon local air quality?	to public transport? Such developments are less likely to result in additional traffic which may contribute to air pollution.		would not lead to a significant increase in traffic. The close proximity of the site to Inverness means residents could cycle or use public transport, or if they choose drive. It would be a short commute to Inverness.
29	Will the site have an impact on light pollution levels?	Is it likely that the Council policy likely will require street lighting at this location? Are there proposals for floodlighting on the site?	Potentially	The site will comply with lighting obligations as required by the Highland Council. The site will have no additional out door lighting other than that required by the council.
30	a) Will it the site affect the present green network of the area?	a) Will the site affect features that currently provide for the movement of species and/or people e.g. woodland, hedgerows, field margins, watercourses, coastlines, tree belts, greenspace?	No	It is a relatively small site of low density housing so there should still be a green network between the houses.
	b) Will the site provide opportunities to enhance the present green network of the area?	b) Will connectively of natural features or open space and paths used for public amenity be improved? Will existing fragmentation of habitats and open spaces be improved? Will species be enabled to move where at present there is an obstacle?	N/A	
31	Will the site provide opportunities for people to come into contact with and appreciate nature/natural environments?	Is the site close to (within 1.5km) an opportunity to come into contact with nature/natural environments e.g. Local Nature Reserves, local greenspace, green networks? Are there proposals which will increase opportunities to come into contact with nature/natural environments?	Yes	By encouraging people to live in rural areas it will encourage people to come into contact with natural environments
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	other existing paths or outdoor access opportunities?	Highland Path Record? Will it provide additional access opportunities or adversely affect access opportunities afforded by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003?	No new paths will be created beyond the site, however the rural nature of the proposal allows for residents to enjoy many walks along rural roads.	
	c) Will the allocation provide new access opportunities within the site and linking to the path network beyond the site?	c) Will new paths be created within and beyond the site? Will any existing paths be improved e.g. to increase accessibility to a wider range of users? Will the site help to realise priorities identified in the Council's outdoor access strategy or aspirational paths identified in the same path plans?		
33	Will the site have an impact on the geodiversity of the area?	identified in the core path plans? Are you aware if the site lies within or adjacent to an un-notified Geological Conservation Review site or Local Geodiversity Site? (or other site with geodiversity value e.g. distinctive landforms, areas with natural processes, rock exposures for study?)	No	N/A
34	Will soil quality and capability of the site be adversely affected?	Will the site result in a loss of soil due to development or removal of good quality soil from the site? Is the site on land identified as Prime Quality Agricultural Land?	No	N/A
35	Is the site on peatland?	Is the site within or functionally connected to an area of peatland? Would the allocation involve the disturbance of peat? If yes, how would impacts on peatland be avoided or minimised? Would any tree felling be required?	No	N/A
36	Will the site have any affect on the viability of a crofting unit?	Does the site represent a significant loss of good quality inbye crofting land or common grazing land?	No	N/A





