# ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

# CONSULTATION ON POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL SITES FOR PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

# 1. SUMMARY

**1.1** This report and the attached appendix sets out details of the sites in the Bute and Cowal area that have been submitted in response to, and as part of the public consultation on the Main Issues Report of the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The appendix identifies three categories which are:

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1. Potential additional sites for possible inclusion in the Proposed Local Development Plan.

2. Potential Sites which can be addressed through policy or no change to the existing plan is required.

3. Sites which are not proposed to be taken further at this stage.

It is proposed that those sites outlined in the first category, be considered for possible inclusion in the Proposed LDP and that a further public consultation on these **category 1** sites be carried out prior to the preparation and eventual approval of the Proposed LDP.

The other sites are shown for information purposes only and do not require to be included in the consultation, because they are already either included in the Adopted Local Plan, can be addressed through policy, or are not considered suitable for inclusion in the Local Development Plan at this time.

# 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **2.1** That Members of the Area Committee note the content of this report and the additional sites that are proposed to be included in the proposed Local Development Plan.
- **2.2** Further, that Members agree that the additional sites shown in the appendix be subject to an additional minimum 28 day public consultation to help inform the preparation of the proposed LDP.

# 3. BACKGROUND

- **3.1** The sites outlined in the appendix to this report have been submitted by individuals, developers and landowners in response to the public consultation that has taken place on the Main Issues Report and in some cases subsequent discussions with the council officers.
- It is considered that these new sites should now be subject to a minimum
  28 day period of public consultation as required by the new LDP process and in the interests of transparency. It is intended that the inclusion of additional sites for a range of different uses will add capacity in the LDP in terms of housing, community and economic opportunities during the five year period covered by the LDP.

In addition the appendix also includes a number of sites that were previously submitted in response to the request for the submission of Future Potential Development Sites which took place in the first three months of 2010, but were not included in the Main Issues Report because they were not considered to be significant sites in terms of scale, could be addressed through established policy, or were considered to be unsuitable for inclusion in the proposed LDP at this time.

It should be noted that sites that have not been included at this stage and which are also listed in the appendix will be open to representations being received for their inclusion at the proposed LDP consultation and thereafter would subsequently be considered by the Scottish Government Inquiry Reporters as part of the process to adopt the LDP.

# 4. CONCLUSION

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**4.1** The sites included in the appendix are considered suitable candidates for development and are recommended for inclusion the proposed LDP in addition to those sites identified in the Main Issues Report. That said, the council intends to advertise these sites for a minimum 28 day period to allow representations to be received prior to their possible inclusion within the proposed LDP which will also be subject to further period of consultation following council approval later in the year.

# 5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunity:	None

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# LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS: None