inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (IMFLDP): Commentary by Dores and Essich Community Council on Proposed Plan, 6th June 2022.

[DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL]

Site no.	Location	Description	Summary of DECC Comments on Main Issues Report	Highland Council Proposed Plan provisions	DECC comments on Proposed Plan	Recommendation
DO01	Land south of Church	Housing and cemetery extension	Support DO01 as it is effective [deliverable] within the short term.	'Retain DO01 and DO03 development sites because both have developer interest (affordable housing providers) and can deliver wider benefits for the community. DO01 is centrally located and is a logical expansion site'. Please note: This site is now identified as DO02 in the proposals described in the Proposed Plan.	DECC remains supportive of this proposal. A planning application has recently been made for this site and the Community Council will review and comment on those proposals.	Support inclusion in the Proposed Plan.
DO02	Land north of Millcroft	Housing	DECC object to DO02 as it is considered ribbon development and have concerns over its availability.	Do not take the site forwards due to potential visual impact and better alternative sites'.	No further comment.	None, as this site is not now included in the Proposed Plan.
DO03	Land south of Dores Hall, east of B852	Housing	Request that DO03 and DO05 are merged and allocated for housing and community woodland due to Scottish Water commitment to upgrade water supply, willing landowner and community support. Both sites are required to ensure viability. Indicative site layout submitted in support. See also proposals by G.H. Johnson for combined site, for which the Community Council has confirmed support.	'DO03 is associated with Scottish Water infrastructure upgrade works and an access upgrade to the village hall. However, being a wooded site with topographical constraints and slightly more detached from the settlement, there are deliverability concerns'. Please note: This site is now identified as DO01 in the proposals described in the Proposed Plan.	The Community Council remains of the view that this site should be developed along with the site previously refereed to as DO05, for the reasons given. The constraints noted by the Council against development are not considered insurmountable and indeed could be expected to provide benefits for the community in the form of managed amenity woodland.	Support the inclusion of this site in the Proposed Plan, subject to the inclusion as well of site DO05.
DO04		Community use	Support retention of the Community allocation DO04 but recognise no specific proposals at present.	'Do not take the site forward due to no specific proposals for development and potential visual impact'.	This site was previously allocated in the draft plan and its exclusion now and the reasons given by the Council are not accepted by DECC. The Community Council wishes this site to be reserved for future community use.	Object to the omission of this site from the Proposed Plan.
DO05	Land south of village centre, west of B862	Housing	See comments above for DO03.	'Do not take the site forward due to it being detached from settlement, suggested active travel connections not practical, steep wooded site which could have a wider visual impact'.	Comments as for DO03 above.	Object to omission of this site from the Proposed Plan and seek provision be made accordingly.
New site (DO06)	West of B862, south of saw mill site	Employment land	Request a new site to the west of the B862 be allocated for employment uses south of the Saw Mill as there are no other available sites in Dores.	This proposal appears to have been overlooked in the Council's review of the Main Issues Report and so has not been commented upon nor carried forward into the Proposed Plan.	The Community Council remains of the view that land should be allocated for local employment space and this site offers such an opportunity.	Object to omission of this site from the Proposed Plan and seek provision be made accordingly.
N/A			Raise no objection to Dores becoming a Growing Settlement but wish to remain informed of decision.	DECC comments notedly the Council.	None	None
Placemaking Priorities			Not previously commented upon by DECC.	Protect and enhance the playpark and grass sports pitch in the centre of the village. Increase car parking facilities to serve both the local community and visitors during peak times. Work with Scottish Water to upgrade the water supply capacity.	None	Support proposals.