

## Red John Planning Application Update

The extract of the minute reads:

**Agreed:** to **RAISE AN OBJECTION** to the application and submit this to the Scottish Government's Energy Consent and Development Unit for the following reasons:

- *The proposal is contrary to Policies 56 and 67 of the Highland wide Local Development Plan on the basis of the lack of a traffic management plan and the unacceptable increase in proposed traffic which would have significantly detrimental impact on the road infrastructure and hasn't been appropriately mitigated.*
- *The proposal is contrary to Policies 57, 61 and 67 of the Highland wide Local Development Plan based on the proposed visual impact on the landscape character of the surrounding area, in particular the north side of Loch Ness and the A82, but also the wider impact on the Loch Ness and Duntelchaig Special Landscape Area, particularly in relation to the construction and remediation stages.*

*It was noted that at any scheduled Public Local Inquiry that the additional conditions suggested by Councillor Davidson would be merged with the current conditions. A further draft of the proposed conditions could be in consultation with Local Members.*

We have written to ECDU to relay this. ECDU will then ask the applicant for its view on how to proceed – whether to amend proposals to resolve the objection (if possible) or to proceed to Public Local Inquiry.

I understand that the applicant has already asked for our response to be delayed (although too late now) so that they can provide further environmental information to address the comments of the Committee. Although they have offered this I am unsure whether they will still want to given we have no provided our response – they may decide just to go to Inquiry.

Can provide further info on inquiry if desired.

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