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Date: 27/04/2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

PROPOSED REPOWERING OF CAUSEYMI RE WIND FARM
PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Ramboll UK Ltd (Ramboll) are working on behalf of Nadara Ltd (hereafter referred to as the 'Applicant') to prepare a forthcoming planning application for the full repowering of the existing Causeymire Wind Farm on land approximately 16 km south of Thurso and 30 km southwest of John O'Groats.

Ramboll
80 George Street
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United Kingdom

Background Context

The Proposed Development would comprise the removal of the existing 21 turbines (100m tip height), and the construction of up to of seven new wind turbines (maximum 200m tip height), together with associated ancillary infrastructure. The total installed capacity of the proposed turbines would be approximately 49 MW.

An EIA Scoping Report was submitted to the Energy Consent Unit (ECU) on November 4th 2025 (ECU Ref: **ECU00006283**, THC Ref: **25/04266/SCOP**), and the Scoping Opinion issued on February 3rd 2026. At that time, the project comprised the construction of up to 13 turbines with a corresponding installed capacity of >50 MW. Accordingly, it was anticipated that consent would be required under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, and a request was made to the Scottish Ministers for a Scoping Opinion under the terms of Regulation 12 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended ('the EIA regulations').

Due to the reduction in the scale of the Proposed Development to <50 MW, an application for consent will now be made to The Highland Council under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

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Public Consultation Undertake to Date

The Applicant has undertaken one round of Public Consultation Events comprising three separate events held on 25th and 26th November 2025 at three different local venues in Spittal, Halkirk and Watten. These events considered the advice provided by The Highland Council from the pre-application consultation meeting and the associated response pack received. Publicisation of these Public Consultation Events comprised the follow, with further information appended to the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) form:

- Adverts in the Caithness Courier (one week) and John O’Groats Journal (two weeks);
- Postcard delivery to homes covering Evanton, Ardross, Alness, Invergordon and the surrounding area;
- Posters;
- Social media posts; and
- Letters to local stakeholders including councillors, community councillors, MP and MSPs.

Public Consultation Proposed

A second round of Public Consultation Events, also comprising three separate events at the same three venues, is proposed to be undertaken on June 23rd and June 24th 2026.

Publicisation methods for these Public Consultation Events would be the same as that undertaken for the first round of consultation.

Application Timeline

The planning application is expected to be submitted to The Highland Council in Q4 2026.

The application would be accompanied by a Pre-Consultation Application (PAC) Report which would set out the full programme of consultation activity undertaken by the Applicant, including formal consultation events and wider engagement with the community and stakeholders.

Summary

The Applicant is seeking feedback from The Highland Council that the proposed consultation approach (both previously undertaken in November 2025 and proposed in June 2026) is satisfactory, or if there are any additional measures that would be considered appropriate.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Signature redacted

Philippa Raphael
Principal Consultant, Ramboll

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE MOLADH BRATH IARRTAIS

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2021

The Council will respond within 21 days of validation the Notice. It will advise whether the proposed Pre-application Consultation is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required.

Please note that a planning application for this proposed development cannot be submitted less than 12 weeks from the date the Proposal of Application Notice is received by the Council and without the statutory consultation requirements having been undertaken. The planning application must be accompanied by a pre-application consultation report.

The Proposal of Application Notice will be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of validation of the notice by the Council.

Data Protection

Your personal data will be managed in compliance with the Data Protection legislation. You can read our privacy notice for planning related certificates on the Council's website at: https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/1052173/planning_applications_consents_and_notice_of_review

I have read and understood the privacy notice.

Contact Details

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| Email | <i>barry.cooke@nadara.com</i> | Email | <i>philippa.rafael@ramboll.com</i> |

Address or Location of Proposed Development

Please state the postal address of the prospective development site. If there is no postal address, please describe its location. Please outline the site in red on a base plan to a recognised metric scale and attach it to this completed Notice.

*Causeymire Wind Farm, Halkirk, KW12 6UP, United Kingdom
A Site Location Plan is provided in **Appendix 1**.*

Description of Development

Please include detail where appropriate – e.g. the number of residential units; the gross floorspace in m² of any buildings not for residential use; the capacity of any electricity generation or waste management facility; and the length of any infrastructure project. Please attach any additional supporting information.

The Proposed Development would comprise the full repowering of the existing Causeymire Wind Farm to include the removal of the existing 21 turbines (100 m tip height), and the construction of up to seven new wind turbines, each of up to a blade tip height of 200 m and associated ancillary infrastructure. The total installed capacity of the proposed turbines would be approximately 48 MW.

The design of the turbine layout and associated infrastructure will be informed by the EIA process and site-survey work. Existing access tracks and infrastructure will be reused where possible.

Summary of Relevant Consultation Undertaken to Date:

- *A pre-application meeting was held with The Highland Council in August 2024 and pre-app response pack issued on September 12th 2024 (Ref 24/01074/PREMAJ).*
- *An EIA Scoping Report was submitted to the Energy Consent Unit (ECU) on November 4th 2025 (ECU Ref: ECU00006283, THC Ref: 25/04266/SCOP), and the Scoping Opinion issued on February 3rd 2026.*
- *Public Consultation Events were held in November 2025, as described further in the relevant sections of this PAN and accompanying **Appendices 2-5**.*

Since the above consultation has taken place, the decision has been taken to reduce the project in scale from up to 13 turbines (and installed capacity >50 MW) to up to 7 turbines (and installed capacity of <50 MW). As a result, the application will proceed under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Pre-application Screening Notice

Has a Screening Opinion been issued on the need for a Proposal of Application notice by the Highland Council in respect of the proposed development?
If yes, please provide a copy of this Opinion.

Yes

No

Community Consultation

State which other parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice.

| Community Council/s | Date Notice Served |
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| <i>secretary@halkirkcommunitycouncil.org wattenc@gmail.com berriedaledunbeath.cc@outlook.com tannachanddistrictcc@outlook.com latheronlybsterclythcc@outlook.com sinclairbaycc@hotmail.co.uk</i> | <i>Consultation November 2025: PAN not issued. Notice of Consultation issued November 7th 2025 (copy included in Appendix 5) Consultation June 2026: April 27th 2026</i> |

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| <p>Secretary@caithnesswestcc.co.uk ccthurso@gmail.com info@castletowncommunitycouncil.co.uk dandccommunitycouncil@gmail.com secretary@wickcommunitycouncil.com</p> | |
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| Members of Scottish Parliament and Members of Parliament | Date Notice Served |
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| Names / details of other parties | Date Notice Served |
| N/A | |

Details of Proposed Consultation

| Proposed Public Event 1a | Venue | Date and Time |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Public Exhibition Spittal</i> | <i>Spittal Village Hall Spittal KW1 5XR</i> | <i>November 25th 2025 2pm–7.30pm</i> |
| Proposed Public Event 1b | Venue | Date and Time |
| <i>Public Exhibition Halkirk</i> | <i>Ross Institute Bridge Street Halkirk KW12 6XZ</i> | <i>November 26th 2025 11am-3pm</i> |
| Proposed Public Event 1c | Venue | Date and Time |
| <i>Public Exhibition Watten</i> | <i>Watten Hall</i> | <i>November 26th 2025</i> |

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| | <i>Watten KW1 5YL</i> | <i>4pm-7.30pm</i> |
| Proposed Public Event 2a <i>(at least 14 days after Public Event 1)</i> | Venue | Date and Time |
| <i>Public Exhibition Watten</i> | <i>Watten Hall Watten KW1 5YL</i> | <i>June 23rd 2026 11am - 3pm</i> |
| Proposed Public Event 2b | Venue | Date and Time |
| <i>Public Exhibition Halkirk</i> | <i>Ross Institute Bridge Street Halkirk KW12 6XZ</i> | <i>June 23rd 2026 4pm – 8pm</i> |
| Proposed Public Event 2c | Venue | Date and Time |
| <i>Public Exhibition Spittal</i> | <i>Spittal Village Hall Spittal KW1 5XR</i> | <i>June 24th 2026 1pm - 8pm</i> |

Publication of Event

| Newspaper Advert | Name of Newspaper | Advert Date |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>November 2025 1</i> | <i>Caithness Courier</i> | <i>November 12th 2025</i> |
| <i>November 2025 2</i> | <i>John O’Groat Journal</i> | <i>November 7th 2025</i> |
| <i>November 2025 3</i> | <i>John O’Groat Journal</i> | <i>November 14th 2025</i> |
| <i>June 2026 1</i> | <i>Caithness Courier</i> | <i>3rd June 2026</i> |
| <i>June 2026 2</i> | <i>Caithness Courier</i> | <i>10th June 2026</i> |
| <i>June 2026 3</i> | <i>John O’Groat Journal</i> | <i>12th June 2026</i> |
| <i>June 2026 4</i> | <i>John O’Groat Journal</i> | <i>19th June 2026</i> |

Details of any other consultation methods (date, time and with whom)

Consultation November 2025:

*Posters (copy included in **Appendix 4**) provided to the following locations:*

- Woodside Village Stores, Watten*
- Watten Village Hall*
- Spittal Village Hall*
- Morrisons Daily, Halkirk*
- Halkirk Post Office*
- Ross Institute, Halkirk*
- Thurso Co-op*
- Thurso Tesco*
- Sutherlands Pharmacy, Thurso High Street*
- Banno’s, Thurso High Street*
- Thurso Leisure Centre*

- *Thurso Library*

*Postcards (copy included in **Appendix 4**) delivered to all residential properties within a 10 km radius of the Site and along the A9 corridor up to and including Thurso.*

*Social Media Posts (copy included in **Appendix 4**) sent to Community Councils to use on their social media channels.*

Feedback Questionnaires provided at exhibitions and available at project website.

Project Website: www.causeymirerepowering.co.uk

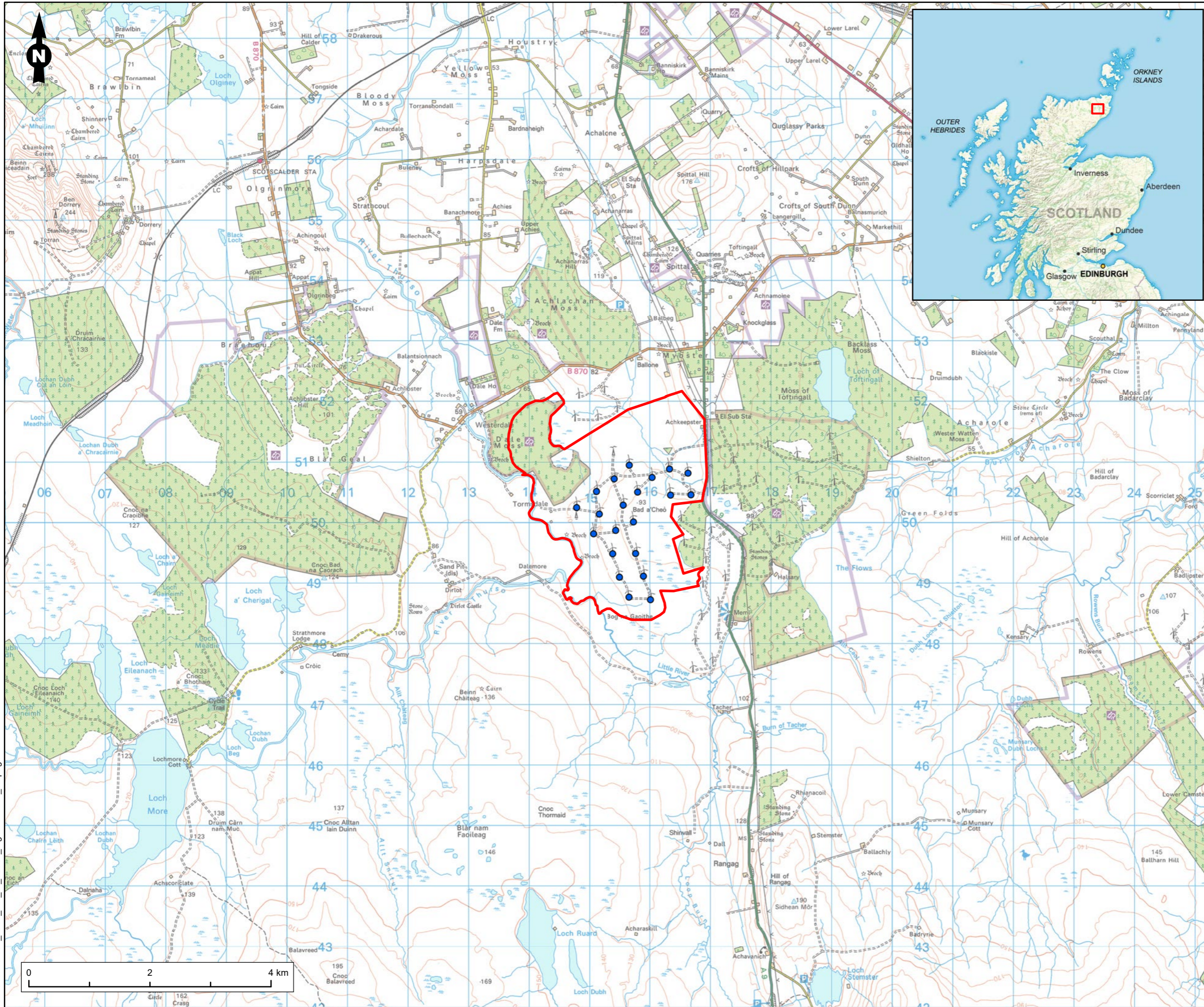
Consultation June 2026:

To be completed, as above.

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| Signed | P Raphael | Date | April 27th 2026 |
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APPENDIX 1

SITE LOCATION PLAN



- Legend**
- Application Site Boundary
 - Existing Causeymire Wind Farm Turbines

Figure Title
Site Location

Project Name
Causeymire Wind Farm Repowering

Project No./Filey ID
1620016705-001 / REH2023N04155

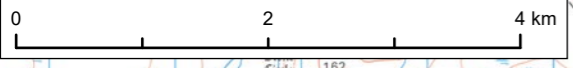
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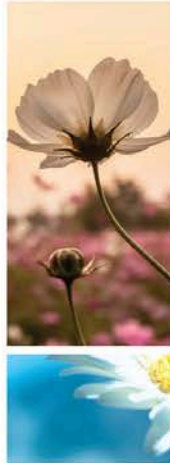
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Street design is 'backward step' for town

By Alan Hendry
alan.hendry@hnmmedia.co.uk

WORK to reshape the junction of High Street and Bridge Street in Wick has been branded "a backward step" by the owner of one of the busiest shops in the town centre.

Neil Harrold said it was "madness" to reduce the width of the road and he warned it would mean a greater likelihood of traffic congestion in future when deliveries are being made to his family business, Harrold Brothers butchers, and other shops nearby.

"I'm all for progress," Mr Harrold said. "But in my opinion, that is not progress."

The roadworks began last week as part of the £2.1 million Wick street design project, with temporary lights installed at either side of the corner where High Street and Bridge Street meet.

Mr Harrold said footfall had already suffered because of the roadworks and some customers had been expressing their frustration. However, he was keen to acknowledge the level of cooperation from the main contractor, GMR Henderson.



Neil Harrold outside his butcher shop in High Street, with the Wick street design scheme in progress. He asked: 'Why did this have to be tinkered with in any shape or form?'

"I can't praise those boys highly enough," Mr Harrold said. "They're trying to work with all the shops, as far as I'm aware, and from my point of view I'd give them 10 out of 10."

The funding for the Wick street design is part of a £26 million package being given to several active travel projects across the country and all the works must be completed by the end of March 2026. Plans drawn up by Highland

Council's design team include improvements to the junction "which will make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road". The road-narrowing is defined as "footway build-out to allow extra space for pedestrians".

The project will also see the resurfacing of the High Street pedestrian zone and the installation of rising bollards to control access for cars and lorries.

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Pipe Major Gordon Asher, known as 'the bearded piper of El Alamein', meets Field Marshal Montgomery during the war. Picture: Asher family

'The Bearded Piper of El Alamein' honoured

THE son of a Caithness war hero spoke with pride of his father's role as the "Bearded Piper of El Alamein" as he was honoured at Thurso cemetery.

Pipe Major Gordon Asher, who died in 1982 aged 79, took part in the D-Day landings and was piping as soldiers went onto the beaches.

"My dad was in the territorial army with the 5th Seaforths when war was declared and went off to get trained up," said his son, who is also called Gordon Asher.

The 75-year-old John O'Groats resident added: "He was involved in the Desert War and became known as 'The Bearded Piper of El Alamein' - the only man in the British Army paid six old pence a week extra to grow a beard."

A poignant event was held at the cemetery on Saturday to



A Caithness Army Cadets member puts a poppy at the grave of the late Gordon Asher. Picture: DGS

honour him and others who fought in the war, before a full Remembrance parade and service in the town on Sunday.

Other Remembrance events were held in Wick, Halkirk and across the county as people marked 80 years since the end of the Second World War.

■ Bearded Piper is honoured - pages 6+7
■ Their sacrifice will always be remembered - pages 4+5



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk>; electronically by appointment at the area planning AND BUILDING STANDARDS office, Highland Council, Caithness House, Market Place, Wick, KW1 4AB; or electronically by appointment at your nearest Council Service Point. You can find your nearest Service Point via the following link https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/16/a_to_z
Written comments should be made to the EPC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

| Reference Number | Development Address | Proposal Description | Alternative locations where application may be inspected and time period for comments |
|------------------|---|---|--|
| 25/02156/FUL | Land 85M NE Of Noss Head Carpark Wick | Siting of mobile coffee van | (14 days) |
| 25/03949/FUL | Land 205M NW Of Bayview Lower Gills, Gills Canisbay | Installation of 4no. glamping pods, reception/laundry hut, bin and bike stores, with associated parking, landscaping, fencing and footpaths | (14 days) |
| 25/03981/FUL | 31 Dempster Street Wick KW1 5QB | Alterations and change of use of building to house | (14 days) |
| 25/03966/FUL | Land 85M West Of Dawn Cottage, Latheronwheel Latheron | Installation of 3no. shepherds huts, garage, bike and bin stores, with associated parking and landscaping | (14 days) |
| 25/03785/FUL | Land 230M SW Of Cemetery Lodge St Andrews Drive Mountvernion Thurso | Change of use of land to form cemetery extension and associated works | (14 days) |
| 25/03934/FUL | Land To North West Of Mackay Terrace Shebster | Erection of 2no houses and 2no. short term letting units | (14 days) |
| 25/04007/FUL | Harbour Mission Martha Terrace. Wick KW1 5EL | Removal of cement fibre tiles and re-roofing with profiles sheets | Section 65 of the Act - Affecting the character or appearance of a Conservation Area (21 Days) |

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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
A99 WESTER BRIDGE

Notice is hereby given that, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the above Act, the Highland Council propose to close the A99 at Wester Bridge to traffic for approximately one hour around the 10th 11th November 2025.

A diversionary route will be available via Hastigrow and Lyth.

The closure is to facilitate Subsea7, to pass a towhead structure under the raised section of Wester Bridge. The exact dates and times of closure will be determined by Subsea7's operational requirements and, in particular, weather conditions.

Joanne Sutherland
Roads Operations Manager
Roads & Transport
Community Services, Caithness & Sutherland
Wick 01955 608230 | Golspie 01408 635208

First Registration of a Croft

Deirdre Henderson has registered their croft Achreamic, Reay on the Croft Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 14 July 2026. Details of the registration can be found at www.ros.gov.uk/our-registers/crofting-register. The croft registration number is C11026.

First Registration of a Croft

Alexander Simpson has registered their croft 36 Dunn (oldhall) & Scarmlate, Watten on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 8 July 2026. Details of the registration can be found at www.ros.gov.uk/our-registers/crofting-register. The croft registration number is C11023.

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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC PROHIBITIONS ON VARIOUS STREETS IN WICK) ORDER 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that The Highland Council, by virtue of the powers conferred under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended has made the above Order temporarily restricting all vehicular traffic from using various streets in Wick.

As detailed below

Lengths of road affected by temporary prohibition of use

- B9159 High Street, closed from its junction with A99 Bridge Street to its junction with U3651 Shore Lane.
- A99 High Street, closed from its junction with A99 Bridge Street to its junction with U3664 Whitechapel Road.
- A99 Bridge Street, closed from its junction with A99 High Street to its junction with A99 Cliff Road.
- A99 Cliff Road, closed from its junction with A99 Bridge Street to its junction with U3508 Dempster Street.
- U3508 Dempster Street, closed from its junction with U3508 Dempster Street to its junction with U3455 Argyle Square.
- U3600 Market Square & U3455 Argyle Square, for their entire length

Temporary prohibition on use of a road

From 10:30 hours on 09 November 2025 to 13:00 hours on 09 November 2025 no person shall drive, or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven on the lengths of road, or a part or parts of the lengths of road, specified above when a prohibition is identified as applying by means of one or more of the traffic signs of a type generally provided for under Section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. This restriction is necessary to allow the safe passage of the march and to allow the Service of Remembrance to take place at the War Memorial.

Exemptions

No prohibition imposed by this Order applies to:

- (a) Emergency vehicles.
- (b) Pedestrians.

Alternative Routes

To avoid the road closure an alternative route will be available via the A99 George Street, U3547 Henrietta Street, C1041 Girmogoe Street, Willowbank & Scalesburn, B9159 Martha Terrace, Harbour quay & Harbour Hill, U3529 Grant Street, C1073 Macrae Street & Northcote Street and the A99T Francis Street.

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As detailed below

Lengths of road affected by temporary prohibition of use

- U4135 Riverside Road, closed from its junction with A9 Edinburgh – Scrabster Road to its junction with U4363 Slaughterhouse Lane.
- U5063 Sir John's Square, closed from its junction with A9 Edinburgh – Scrabster Road to its junction with B874 Princes Street.
- U4117 Patersons Lane, closed from its junction with B874 Princes Street to its junction with U3985 Brabster Street.
- U4209 Sinclair Street, closed from its junction with A9 Edinburgh – Scrabster Road to its junction with U4141 Roberson Lane.
- U4080 Mansons Lane, closed from its junction with U4135 Riverside Road to its junction with A9 Edinburgh – Scrabster Road.
- U3985 Brabster Street, closed from its junction with U4117 Patersons Lane to its junction with A9 Edinburgh – Scrabster Road.
- B874 Princes Street, closed from its junction with U5063 Sir John's Square to its junction with U4141 Roberson Lane.
- U5064 West Side Sir John's Square, closed from its junction with B874 Princes Street to its junction with U4209 Sinclair Street.

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Exemptions

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Alternative Routes

No alternative routes provided.

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Members of the Royal Burgh of Wick Community Council want the Carnegie building in Sinclair Terrace to be retained for community use. Picture: Alan Hendry

Council challenged over ownership and future of Carnegie building in Wick

By Alan Hendry
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HIGHLAND Council is being challenged over whether it is legally entitled to sell the historic Carnegie library in Wick.

Members of the Royal Burgh of Wick Community Council (RBWCC) want the building in Sinclair Terrace to be retained for community use.

It was put up for sale by Highland Council last month, for offers over £150,000, then taken off market within a week after a public backlash.

One RBWCC member told a Highland Council official this week: "I want to see the actual deeds."

That was after Finlay MacDonald, Highland Council's chief officer for property and assets, explained that officials are considering keeping the building off the market until around March 2026.

It also emerged that Lyth Arts Centre would be interested in the building,

although only as part of a collaboration with others.

The library was gifted to the people of Wick by businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It was built on a site donated by Sir John Usher and was officially opened in 1898.

The building was vacated in 2017 when Wick's new library opened within the East Caithness Community Facility. At present the ground floor serves as the Wick centre of Caithness Foodbank.

Mr MacDonald took part remotely in the November meeting of RBWCC.

"We were keen to get views from the community council and others with regard to what are the possibilities," he said.

"For Highland Council, it's not required as an operational asset any more, hence the reason the sale option was put forward.

"I appreciate, going forward, there may be

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EXCLUSIVE: SNP ministers left red-faced after U-turn on long-awaited call for action

Campaigners win maternity review – at last

By Scott MacLennan
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SNP health minister Jenni Minto faces embarrassment after the Scottish Government finally agreed to an independent review of Caithness maternity services – having rejected an identical plea as recently as September.

At a summer meeting at Caithness General she met SNP MSP Maree Todd, LibDem MP Jamie Stone and the Caithness Health Action Team (CHAT) who asked her to order an independent review.

At the time she said it would be considered but, in a letter to NHS Highland on September 8, Ms Minto said: "There are no plans for an independent review of maternity services in Caithness."

Instead, the health board was asked to "look into" claims the A9 north of Inverness is not safe for expectant mothers and unborn children to "determine the



Campaigners from Caithness Health Action Team met (front, from left) MSP Rhoda Grant, Labour's Holyrood candidate Eva Kestner, and Jackie Baillie, deputy leader of Scottish Labour. Picture: Alan Hendry

facts of the matter".

On Wednesday, SNP health secretary Neil Gray – amid a wider review of maternity services – overruled his own minister and accepted LibDem MSP Willie Rennie's amendment calling for a review.

It came just weeks after a visit to Wick from Scottish Labour's deputy leader Jackie Baillie, who met cam-

campaigners along with MSP Rhoda Grant and hopeful Eva Kestner. Ms Baillie backed the LibDem amendment to her motion on Scotland-wide maternity services.

The previous rejection throws comments made by Ms Todd – herself a former health minister and the current drugs minister – after Wednesday night's vote into

a completely new light.

She said: "Earlier this summer, I joined the minister for public health and women's health, Jenni Minto, at Caithness General Hospital to hear directly from mums, campaigners, and midwives.

"Today's commitment follows on from this and shows that the Scottish Government has listened to those lived experiences, along with concerns raised by myself and colleagues, and acted."

Mr Gray responded to the LibDem move but previously the only action taken by Ms Minto was to once again rebuff campaigners despite not once checking on whether the policy to downgrade maternity in 2016 had improved outcomes for mums and babies.

Ms Todd's main challenger for the far north seat at next year's election, David Green, said: "Despite hearing

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As detailed below

Lengths of road affected by temporary prohibition of use

C1041 Willowbank, closed from its junction with the U3645 Sandigoe Drive to its junction with U3668 Lindsay Drive.

Temporary prohibition on use of a road

From 09:00 hours on 19th November 2025 to 16:00 hours on 19th November 2025 no person shall drive, or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven on the lengths of road, or a part or parts of the lengths of road, specified above when a prohibition is identified as applying by means of one or more of the traffic signs of a type generally provided for under Section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. Resident access will be preserved, subject to working conditions. The road closure is necessary to allow works on the water mains.

Exemptions

No prohibition imposed by this Order applies to:

- (a) Vehicles employed to carry out the works in respect of which this Order is made, including those vehicles employed to carry out associated traffic management.
- (b) Emergency vehicles.

Alternative Routes

To avoid the road closure an alternative route will be available via U3645 Sandigoe Drive, U3630 Port Dunbar and U3668 Lindsay Drive.

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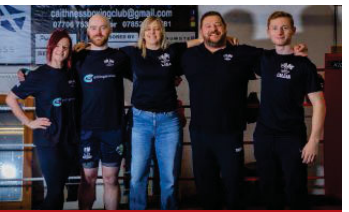
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Loganair 'looking at numbers' on Wick PSO route

HOPES are rising that Loganair may be able to take over the flights between Wick and Aberdeen that came to a sudden halt nearly three weeks ago.

The Scottish-based airline is said to be examining the costs involved in the route which has operated under a public service obligation (PSO) funded by the Scottish Government and Highland Council since April 2022.

Jamie Stone, the Liberal Democrat MP for Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross, has written to Loganair saying it is "imperative" that air links to Wick are maintained.

Eastern Airways, which operated the Wick/Aberdeen service, entered administration last week having reportedly run up a total debt of almost £26 million. The joint administrators announced that the company had been left with "high fixed overheads and a staff base that has ultimately proved too high to be sustainable".

It emerged on October 27 that Eastern had filed a notice of intention to appoint administrators, with all flights cancelled.

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APPENDIX 5

LETTER TO COUNCILLORS, NOVEMBER 2025

7 November 2025

Dear Councillor X

As you may know, Nadara is the owner and operator of Causeymire Wind Farm which has been in operation since 2004.

As it becomes ever more vital to combat climate change by producing more electricity from renewable sources, we are proposing to repower the wind farm. Our proposal is for up to 13 wind turbines of up to 200m in height with an installed capacity of approximately 6.4MW each which will replace the existing 21 turbines.

We have recently submitted a scoping report to the Scottish Government to begin the planning process. As the repowered wind farm will have an installed capacity of around 83MW the decision will ultimately be made by the Scottish Government, rather than The Highland Council.

We plan to fully engage with the local community during the consultation phase and will be running a series of public exhibitions over the next few months which will be advertised widely in the local area. The first round is due to take place later this month at the following locations:

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The public exhibition and more information on the proposed project will also be on our website www.causeymirerepowering.co.uk

At several of our wind farms in Scotland we have established co-operatives which allowed local people to invest in the scheme, and we are keen to include this in the plans for Causeymire repowering. We will of course also be offering a community benefit package and look forward to discussing what this might look like with local people and community groups.

We hope to see you at one of the public exhibitions later this month. In the meantime, if you would like more information or have any comments, please do get in touch with me on barry.cooke@nadara.com or by phone on 07890 962363.

Yours sincerely



Barry Cooke
Project Manager