

TORNAGRAIN – HAVE YOUR SAY

Creating a planned town for the Highlands

A new town for 10,000 people is being proposed at Tornagrain, between Inverness and Nairn.

If you have any views about how a town of this size should develop, please come along to a series of workshops to be held in Inverness from September 5-14.

Moray Estates, who plan to create the new settlement, is embarking on the first public consultation of its kind ever seen in the UK.

They have asked world leaders in traditional town planning to help to develop plans for the new town.

The company, Duany Plater-Zyberk (DPZ) has completed more than 300 designs for communities throughout the world.

From September 5-14 DPZ will hold a “charrette” – an intensive planning and design process where they will work alongside the public and design specialists.

The workshops will include formal and informal meetings and seminars. The plans that emerge from these will be presented at regular intervals.

The format means that everyone who takes part can contribute to and comment on the plans that emerge for the new town.

The final plans will only be known at the very last session of the charrette on Thursday 14th September. For more information, visit our web site at:

www.tornagrain-newtown.co.uk



Pictured above, Aerial image of proposed location. Left, a typical meeting.



Firm famed for traditional approach

The company that will head planning for a new town at Tornagrain specialise in traditional design.

DPZ's design team brings together urban design and architecture experts from the USA, Europe, Scotland and the rest of the UK.

Although their approach has been called “New Urbanism”, it's easier to think of it as very traditional.

They design communities with compact, traditional

neighbourhoods, where people can mix easily, get around quickly and aren't dependent on cars to live their lives.

Their approach couldn't be more different to the suburban sprawl that has become so common across the UK, US and much of Europe over the past 60 years.

They seek to build communities that people take pride in, want to live in and that give people a better quality of life.

The DPZ team fuses international experience with local expertise sensitive to issues specific to the Highlands and the inner Moray Firth.

PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DESIGN SESSIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

5 TUESDAY	6 WEDNESDAY	7 THURSDAY	8 FRIDAY
<p>OPENING PRESENTATION 7pm - 9pm</p> <p>Public meeting, introduction by Jim MacKinnon Chief Planner Scottish Executive.</p> <p>Opening presentation, by Andres Duany, introduction of the consultant team, discussion of Traditional Neighbourhood Design, and overview of the format of the planning workshop.</p> <p>This presentation will be held at the Drumossie Suite in the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness.</p>	<p>REGIONAL CONTEXT /CORRIDOR / AIRPORT /BUSINESS PARK 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Discussion of the context of the development, the Inverness Airport Business Park venture and the future of the A96 corridor</p> <p>OPEN DESIGN 1 pm - 6pm</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public, Public encouraged to browse and observe physical drafting of plans, concepts. Team available for questions.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT ISSUES 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Discussion of the context Discussion of traffic issues, concerns, solutions</p> <p>OPEN DESIGN 1pm - 2pm</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE / ECOLOGY / LANDSCAPE / DRAINAGE / WATER 2pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>Discussion of infrastructure, ecology and landscape issues, concerns, solutions</p> <p>OPEN DESIGN 1pm - 2pm</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p> <p>LOCAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 7pm - 8.30pm</p> <p>Public discussion with Local Community Groups</p>	<p>HOUSING, SOCIAL AND ECONOMY 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Discussion of affordable housing, commercial, civic and public amenities (health & education)</p> <p>OPEN DESIGN 1pm - 2pm</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p> <p>ARCHITECTS / DEVELOPERS / MARKETING 2pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>Discussion of architecture, marketing and development issues</p>
9 SATURDAY	10 SUNDAY	11-13 MON TO WED	14 THURSDAY
<p>OPEN DESIGN 9am - 12noon</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p> <p>OPEN DESIGN 3.30pm - 6pm</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p>	<p>OPEN DESIGN 9am - 12noon</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p> <p>OPEN DESIGN 3.30pm - 6pm</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p> <p>OPEN DESIGN 9am - 12noon</p> <p>Informal review period open to the public</p> <p>PROGRESS REPORT PRESENTATION 4pm - 6pm</p> <p>Public presentation of current plans based on workshops held to date, plans to be reviewed and discussed. Receive feedback from participants.</p>	<p>DESIGN AND PRODUCTION</p>	<p>CLOSING PRESENTATION 9pm - 9pm</p> <p>Public presentation of the Tornagrain plan based on all the planning workshops</p>

The Tornagrain Charrette is an entirely open process. It consists of structured and unstructured meetings and design sessions. Some meetings are dedicated to specific issues and relevant and related parties have received invitations - however ALL meetings are open to the public. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions on the dates above at **The New Drumossie Hotel, Old Perth Road, Inverness IV2 5BE.**

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