

**AVOCH & KILLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL POLICY FOR  
SUPPORTING PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

1. AKCC fully supports developments that improve the built environment or land use and do not adversely affect broader community interests.
2. Recognising how easy it is for near neighbours to miss out on formal notice of planned developments and therefore on the opportunity to comment on a timely basis, AKCC will seek to publicise all planning applications as it is notified of them on its website.
3. Where AKCC recognises a likely community interest that may be impacted by a planned development, whether or not it has been approached by an interested member of the community, it will consider whether to make a representation to Highland Council in respect of the application.
4. Factors which will guide AKCC in assessing community impact will include: -
  - Scale of the development
  - Likely effect on community infrastructure and services
  - Environmental consequences
  - Effect on neighbours
  - Effect on 'character' of the area
5. Where AKCC decides that there are grounds for it to make a direct representation, it will consider formally consulting the principals and other obvious stakeholders.
6. AKCC will seek formal approval by members of any representation it intends to make to Highland Council prior to lodging it.
7. AKCC welcomes the widest possible community involvement in the exercise of its planning responsibilities and will seek to foster this.
8. AKCC will seek the highest possible degree of transparency in the exercise of its planning responsibilities and will record its involvements in planning applications on its website.