

## SECTION 8: STATEMENT

### COUNCIL OBJECTIONS

1. This application is contrary to the MORAY LOCAL PLAN

#### Risk of Flooding

See extracts of Local Plan 8 A

This application is very much in accordance with the Local Plan as underlined in green, on 8 A.

The Watermill must be allowed to pay for its regeneration, the Council Plan is for tourism development, especially self catering units. This application is for a Caretakers Cottage, eventually a development of disabled access log cabins (classed as temporary buildings) would be let to fund the rebuilding of the watermill destroyed by arson.

This is a fine design by architect D Legge, to be built by Billy Miller Construction to top specifications.

There are a raft of facilities for community use, including the repair of the sound stage, primarily for Bel Canto Operatic Co.

£86m has been spent on building a bund around the mill, there is no risk of flooding.

2. "The building would have a detrimental impact on the Cat B listed building."

See Section 8 B Map.

Oldmills has always had inhabitation, the maps show 2 banks of cottages, for 5 families in all, within 100m of the proposed Caretakers Cottage. Flooding caused these to be abandoned, this is no longer an issue.

The caretakers cottage is sited on an old building, its location is vital to oversee miscreants trying to access the mill over the bridge. Planning Officer C. Wilson suggested the building would be better rotated through 90°, I agreed and my architect has done this.

This mill has been a farm since AD 1010. It is registered and returns census reports, see Section 8C. Under farming law there is a provision for housing.

3. "The greenspace would be compromised"

See Section 8 B Map & ENV 6

OLDMILLS is not listed as greenspace on the Council coding. It has always been a place of work on the main thoroughfare from Elgin to Lossiemouth and Forres.

Recent road changes have made the mill by passed, but is still a fully working mill on a site with many previous and present buildings.

The mill is under attack, over 100 reports have been made to the Police, they support someone living there, Insurance cannot be bought unless it is habited, regeneration can only happen if a good use is found for this watermill.

The C15 watermill has been razed to the ground twice, once while the Council were in charge, it must be protected.

4. "A collection of the previous 3 objections"

I would like the committee to visit to understand the scale of this problem. Every application for grant aid to the council and historic Scotland has been refused, suggesting it is not of historic importance, worse still is the seemingly deliberate ruination of the mill. Every application for development has been refused. This mill is in urgent need of funds and protection.

Policy 1: Development and Community

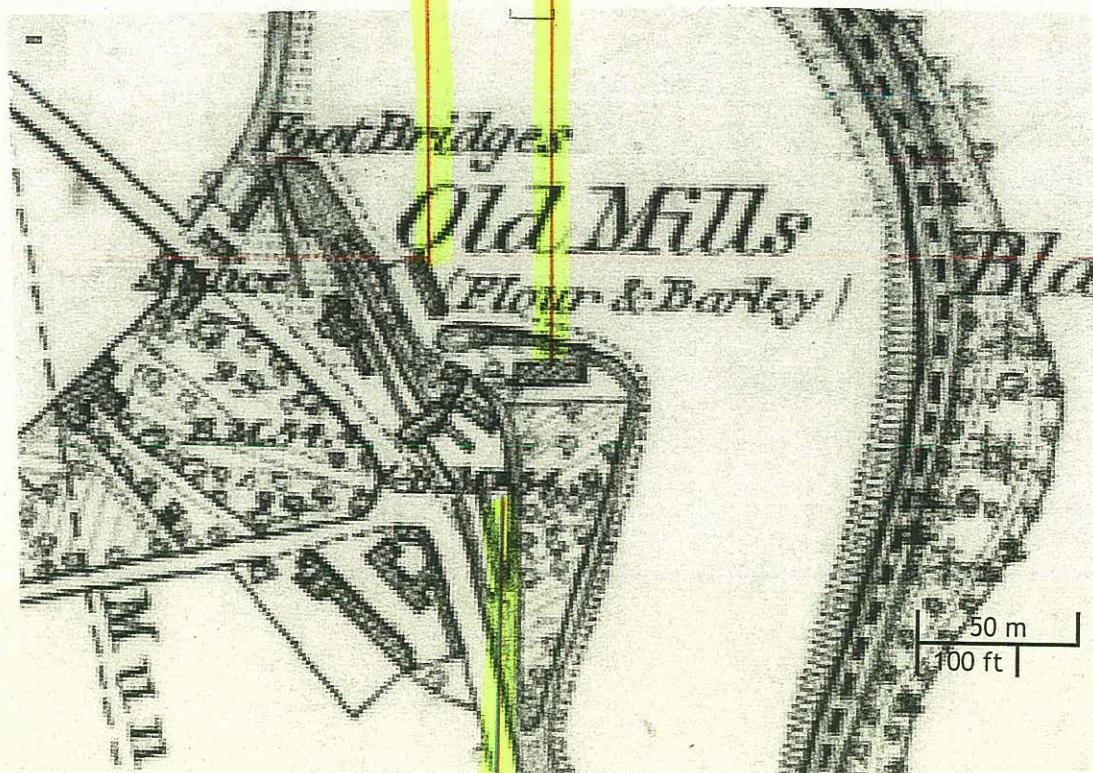
The policy set out below identifies the strategic community development requirements for the delivery of the structure plan strategy-

The Moray Structure Plan Strategy will be supported by:

- a) the identification within the local plan of the business and industrial land allowances set out in Schedule 1 and the provision of strategic business locations at Elgin and Forres Enterprise Park and business park opportunities at Buckie, Keith and Lossiemouth;
- b) the encouragement of tourism development opportunities;
- c) the identification within the Local Plan of the housing allowances set out within Schedule 2;
- d) the provision of affordable housing in association with new housing development where a demand is identified in the Local Housing Strategy;
- e) the encouragement of low impact, well-designed development in the countryside to support local communities and rural businesses;
- f) sustaining the vitality and viability of town centres through the support of opportunities and proposals for retail and commercial development in accordance with the sequential approach;
- g) promotion of the strategic transport links as set out in Proposal 2;
- h) the protection and enhancement and new provision of facilities for community use, healthcare, sport and recreation;
- i) the inclusion within Local Plans of a policy requiring appropriate developer contributions towards healthcare and other community facilities.

3 COTTAGES

2 COTTAGES



BUILDING AT LOCATION  
OF PROPOSED  
COTTAGE

ENV6 Green Corridors/Natural/Semi Natural Greenspaces  
The Wards, Lesmurdie, Bishopmill, Hamilton Drive, Waulkmill Grove, Morrison Playing  
Fields, Edgar Road.

SECTION 8B



AGRICULTURAL and  
HORTICULTURAL CENSUS  
2 JUNE 2014

NOTICE REQUIRING INFORMATION  
by 16 JUNE 2014

Survey ID	Location Code
0547	592/0180

If you need help with this form or further information, please contact  
Name: Telephone no.

**Section 1 Area of location** The form contains what we presently have recorded in our database at the 1st May 2014 for this location. Some of these may have been estimated if you did not return last year's form. If any of these figures are incorrect please enter the correct figures in the second column.

Enter the areas of land you own, or rent in on a full tenancy, at this location. Do not include land you own but rent out on a full tenancy as your tenant will provide this information on his form. Please remember to include woods, roads, yards and farm buildings, bare fallow land; and any land potentially usable for agriculture even if not currently used for agriculture.

Hectares to nearest 0.01

*Area you own	1	3.53	
If the area entered at box 1 is an owned croft in a crofting county, enter the area of the croft here.	2	0.00	

**Area of land you rent in on a full tenancy at this location**  
(365 days or more) by tenancy agreement

Rented croft, probably registered with the Crofting Commission.	3	0.00	
Small Landholders Act tenancy a lease of land only where you (the tenant) have provided all equipment, including the house. Only found outside the crofting counties.	4	0.00	
91 Act tenancy - Any tenancy you have for one year (365 days) or more with full security of tenure and succession rights.	5	0.00	

Telephone no.

Location/Unit names

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS: AGRICULTURE ACT 1947  
SECTION 78 (As Amended)

SECTION 8C