Key Points for Norman from Community Engagement Meeting Monday 1st March 2021

Present: Jess Donaldson, Neil Campbell, Ross Cowie, Anne Gillies, Iain MacIvor, Catriona MacDonald, Mairi MacDonald, Stuart Macpherson , Apologies : Callum Munro

\*The Community feel strongly that the situation / landscape is very different now from when the OA began, and that due to the Covid pandemic and with NHS Highland purchasing Home Farm - we are in a very different position. We would like to hear NHS Highland's view of how these major changes in circumstances affect the options appraisal from their perspective.

 The community do not feel confident or comfortable with moving onto scoring options where we are just now and have further feedback and suggestions - please find below.

\*The community feel that Tigh Na Drochaid with its surrounding land needs to be clearly and thoroughly investigated (along with Rural Designs ideas from 10 years ago) The community reps also felt it is important that the architect should visit the area before drawing up plans and presenting plans for something that is going to be so busy and important to get right.

The only option presented in any detail at the last session was the one involving refurb and new build at Home Farm but we need more detail on that as well as consideration of how that location would work as a busy 24 hour hub including hospital and urgent care services. \*The Community need to see detailed plans of how Home Farm would be laid out and how it would all fit together and function if they are able to get on board with it being on the shortlist and in order for them to feel confident to take it out to the wider community for feedback.

Objective evidence from the needs assessment re numbers of beds and associated services, with an update on the impact that Covid has had on these needs, should be brought to the table when considering options. Needs assessment was included in the initial OA information sessions but seems to have been dropped from the restarted OA process.

\*The Community suggested another option -  Short term and longer term solutions - in the short term - keep Portree hospital as it is, with it's 12 beds, urgent care and outpatient services, do refurbishment work on Homefarm to bring it up to standard and be as pandemic proof as possible and then, in the medium to long term find viable land and develop plans for a custom, new build solution which will work the best possible for everyone. provide this community with health and care facilities that are resilient and fit for purpose in the 21st century. The community feel that time frames are important -  and should be known and considered for scoring ie renovation vs new build community owned and non community owned land as that will have an impact on the community view,  input as well as scoring. Finally, the community would really like to see what an all singing all dancing new build on a new site could look like - with everything except Home Farm which remains as a nursing home - Could this potentially be done in phases as money becomes available - we'd need to know how the phases could be split up?

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