

Isle of Rum - Community Land Use Plan

Isle of Rum Community Trust (IRCT) | Isle of Rum | 2014 – 2015

WHAT WE DID & HOW WE DID IT

PAS was commissioned by IRCT to produce a Community Land Use Plan based on an impartial engagement process and detailed landscape analysis. The project team was led by PAS staff, Associates and volunteers with landscape architecture, planning and community engagement expertise. PAS worked in partnership with the local community and key stakeholders such as The Highland Council and SNH to produce a plan balancing a variety of viewpoints. The project was funded by Awards for All & The Highland Council.

WHY WE DID IT

IRCT aims to increase Rum's population from its current level of around 30 people to a more sustainable level, offer a better range of housing options, and improved tourism opportunities. However, any new development must be balanced with the need to protect the island's unique natural and built heritage. The project aim was to produce a plan with local community ownership and which The Highland Council could adopt as supplementary guidance as part of the Local Development Plan.



“The Highland Council has supported the aims of this engagement based project and believes that this kind of community-led plan could be a model for other communities in its area” Tim Stott – Principal Planner, The Highland Council

WHAT DIFFERENCE DID WE MAKE?

- Supported IRCT with successful funding bid
- Raised awareness of opportunity to be involved in island's future
- Involved young people in engagement process
- Promoted a sense of community ownership
- Strengthened partnership between IRCT and The Highland Council
- Community Land Use Plan to be adopted as Supplementary Guidance
- Greater certainty about viability of future development on Rum

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