



Knocknagael: a Green Hub for our Community

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Knocknagael Allotments planning application is now live! We are excited to share the good news that the planning application for the Knocknagael allotments has now been submitted and all the relevant documents can be seen live on Highland Council's planning website. This step represents the culmination of months of work.

Planning permission is sought for creation of a new allotment area with 145 plots and a community gathering space, a new access road into the site and a car park with height barrier, cycle and disabled parking spaces.

The design has been developed to create a space that fosters community engagement and enhances well-being, helping people connect with and enjoy nature. The project includes environmental and biodiversity enhancement features such as new native hedgerows and wildflower meadow areas, and natural drainage solutions plus accessible path and walkways. It will provide valuable greenspace.

The designs have been prepared by landscape architects [Iglu Studio](#) an inspiring company from Edinburgh who have worked with technical engineers [Narro](#) and Harley Haddow. We had a community consultation event on February 19th at the Green Drive Hall and received very supportive feedback, comments received have been taken on board in the designs. We are keen to thank the UK Government and Highland Council, who were able to support the design work through community regeneration funds.

We are now in the final stages of the legalities to transfer ownership of the Smiddy Field to Knocknagael Ltd., with the dispositions being drafted between solicitors. The submission of the planning application within 12 weeks of sale completion was a condition for the land transfer to Knocknagael Ltd. This planning submission has now been achieved ahead of finalisation of the sale, owing to delays in agreeing details of rights of access, services connections etc., but these outstanding matters have almost been finalised.

The P&J covered the development this week and the story can be seen [HERE](#)

The application can be viewed (and comments submitted) online through this [LINK](#) or at Highland Council's Planning Portal: <http://wam.highland.gov.uk> using the application number **25/01985/FUL** (Title: 'Change of use of agricultural land to allotment garden plots and associated infrastructure Land 150m SE of 7 Essich Rd, Inverness').



Date for your Diary

Our regular summer Informal 'Meet the Board' & Update is at the Botanic Gardens cafe, at 2 pm on Friday 11th July.

See you there!

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