



National Developments – Response Form

Please use the table below to let us know about projects you think may be suitable for national development status. You can also tell us your views on the existing national developments in National Planning Framework 3, referencing their name and number, and providing reasons as to why they should maintain their status. Please use a separate table for each project or development. **Please fill in a [Respondent Information Form](#) and return it with this form to scotplan@gov.scot.**

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| Name of proposed national development | Hunterston |
| Brief description of proposed national development | Nationally significant industrial and multi-modal deep water port to include Innovation, Energy and Blue Economy hub. |
| Location of proposed national development (information in a GIS format is welcome if available) | Hunterston Terminal, Fairlie, Ayrshire KA29 0AZ |
| What part or parts of the development requires planning permission or other consent? | Planning permission will be required for new infrastructure and built development related to new energy and new industry components of the overall strategy for the redevelopment of Hunterston |
| When would the development be complete or operational? | Full redevelopment of the Hunterston site over 25 years. |
| Is the development already formally recognised – for example identified in a development plan, has planning permission, in receipt of funding etc. | <p>The strategic national importance of Hunterston as energy hub and deep-water port is recognised by the North Ayrshire Local Development Plan, adopted in November 2019, which identifies Hunterston as a Strategic Development Area. The LDP supports a range of uses at Hunterston, including renewables generation, manufacture, maintenance, research and development; maritime construction and decommissioning; and power generation. The LDP supports the inclusion of Hunterston in NPF4.</p> <p>The site has planning permission for the construction, repair and decommissioning of large marine related structures related to oil and gas and renewables industry and the erection of caisson gates.</p> <p>Hunterston is included within the Ayrshire Growth Deal.</p> |

Contribution of proposed national development to the national development criteria (maximum 500 words):

Hunterston should be recognised as a National Development within the emerging NPF4 as the site is adaptable, resilient and capable of meeting the National Development Assessment Criteria in relation to Climate Change. The development of Hunterston is capable of assisting in reaching the target of net zero emissions by 2045 and can support inclusive, sustainable economic growth as outlined by the uses outlined and illustrated on the masterplan (enclosed in Appendix 2).

The site at Hunterston should be recognised as a National Development within the emerging NPF4 as it can help to empower this rural economy through the promotion of vibrant, creative, diverse and resilient developments which are capable of adapting to change. It is submitted that the development of the site for the uses outlined and illustrated within the masterplan (enclosed within Appendix 2) will help to encourage people to live in rural Scotland through stimulating economic growth and promoting job opportunities in the area, potentially providing 1700 jobs and £140 million investment in Scotland. It is submitted that this will help to support improved quality of life, health and wellbeing in the area, and could improve the future of coastal communities for both existing and prospective residents (in line with the requirements of the National Development Assessment Criteria : People).

It is submitted that Hunterston as a major port and industrial centre with unique grid connections and deep water port access should be designated as a National Development within the emerging NPF4 order to provide stability and confidence to both investors and developers. Hunterston is capable of the following :

- Stimulating and distributing economic growth
- Providing around 1700 jobs that will reduce the need for local people to travel long distances for employment
- Becoming an international gateway and strengthening Scotland's links with the rest of the world
- Retaining and attracting younger people with high quality and long term jobs
- Halting or even reversing the trend in the declining population
- Creating the jobs that will in turn maintain demand for supply services (e.g. local shops) and public services (e.g. schools and healthcare)
- Building a more resilient economy by introducing a variety of industry sectors to the region
- Giving school leavers a 'positive destination' locally to aim for
- Stimulating education, training and skills development activities in the area
- Attracting complementary economic activities that will provide further opportunities for local people
- Actively managing environmental issues are part of the ongoing site

management and development

The designation of Hunterston as a National Development will provide stability and confidence and help to stimulate and distribute sustainable economic growth by promoting development and investment within the economy which will help to reduce poverty and inequality (in line with National Development Assessment Criteria: Inclusive Growth).

The designation of Hunterston as a National Development will help to unlock the potential of this currently underused site and will assist in the promotion, distribution and stimulation of economic growth within the neighbouring rural communities. It will also help to improve, protect and strengthen the unique and special character of Hunterston, in line with National Development Assessment Criteria in relation to Place.

This representation should be read in conjunction with the information noted below.

Appendix 1 : Comprehensive response submitted to NPF4 Call for Ideas on behalf of Clydeport Ltd. and to include text entitled 'National Planning Framework 4 Call for Ideas and National Developments – Hunterston'

Appendix 2 : Plans showing site location and extent of illustrative masterplan site

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