



Sutherland Spaceport



Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

# ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE ON SITE

Within the site boundary there are a number of environmental features that have been identified and will be taken into account in the design of the proposed development in order to minimise any potential impact. These include watercourses, such as the Allt Bad nam Fiadh, and a number of cultural heritage assets. There are three heritage assets recorded as historical shieling huts which occur within the site boundary and one further shieling hut which is located within 500m of the site. Shieling huts are small dwellings of stone or turf, occupied on a seasonal basis by people tending animals on upland pastures.

Additional desk-based assessments and site surveys will be carried out to verify site and study area conditions and also identify other environmental features present on and around the site which need to be considered as part of the design process. Proposed additional work includes:

- Landscape and visual photography and viewpoints assessment;
- Watercourse crossings survey;
- Private water supply investigation;
- Air quality assessment;
- Cultural heritage site walkover;
- Traffic count surveys (completed June 2019);
- Detailed peat depth assessment; and
- Noise monitoring surveys.

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