

Proposed Operational Needs Farmhouse at

Muirfield Farm, Westhill, Inverness

POLICY FRAMEWORK

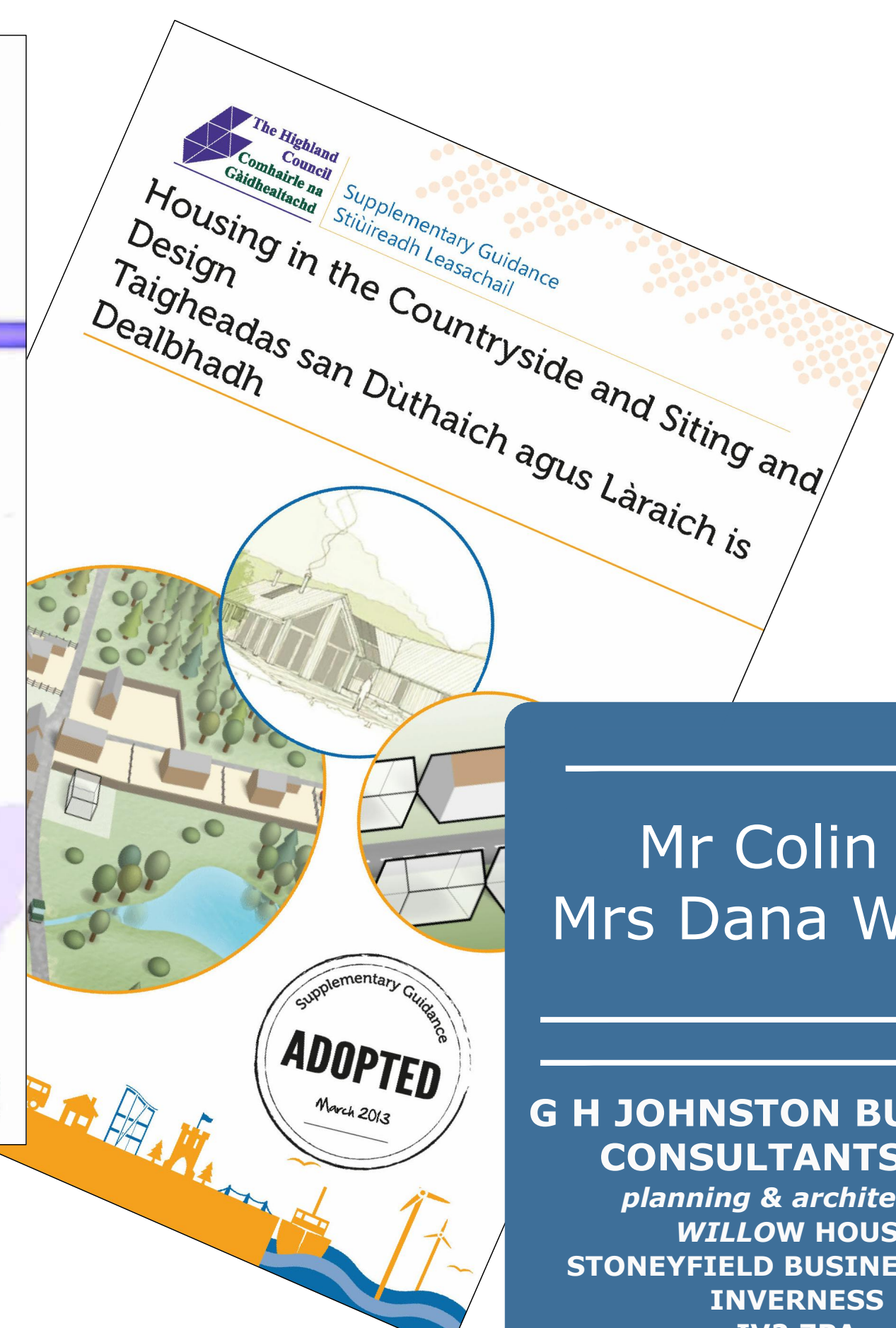
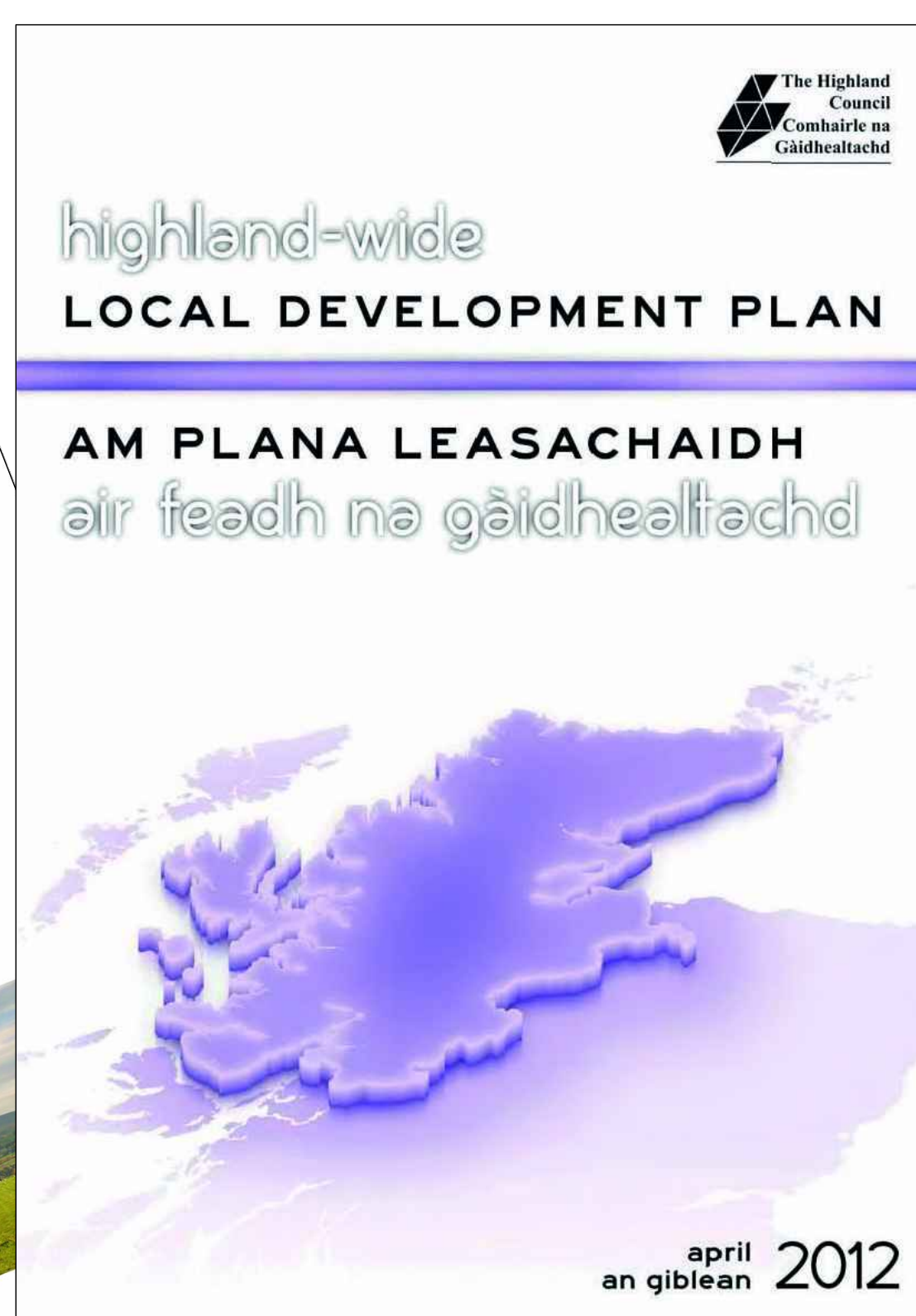
The farm unit is located within Culloden Battlefield Inventory Site and within the Culloden Muir Conservation Area.

The relevant core *planning policies* are contained within:

- the Highland-wide Local Development Plan namely policies 35 Housing in the Countryside, 57 Natural Built and Cultural Heritage, and 61 Landscape; and
- related Supplementary Guidance ie. Housing in the Countryside Siting and Design and the Culloden Muir Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan.

The proposal accords in principle with policy 35 in that it concerns *a house essential for land management or family purposes related to the management of the land; and essential in association with an existing or new rural business....*".

The extent to which the proposal accords with policies 57 and 61 (and the Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan and the Housing in the Countryside Siting and Design *guidance*) will be subject to Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and Archaeological Appraisal. These investigations are being carried out by consultant specialists in these fields with a view to proof that the proposal will *maintain or enhance* the character of the Conservation Area.



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