

Population 4,734



Households **2,181**



Settlement Hierarchy Tertiary Growth Area

Development Strategy / Placemaking Objectives

- Keith is characterised by a strong grid pattern with lanes connecting streets. This is a distinctive feature that can be reflected in new development proposals.
- Identification of a strategic reserve of employment land to support growth and attract inward investment.
- Identify a mixed use site suitable for a range of uses, and reserve space for a potential healthcare facility.

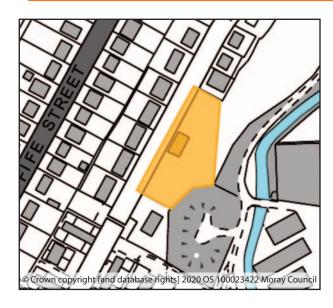
Developers are referred to page 1 for additional notes on Placemaking, Infrastructure, Transportation, Developer Obligations, Key Design Principles and Landscaping definitions.

HOUSING

R1 Nelson Terrace

0.5ha

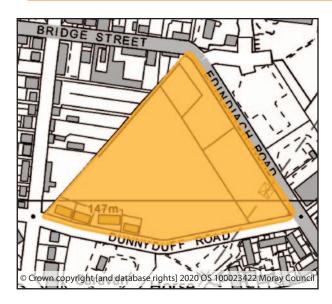
5 units



Infill plots available from this development which commenced in the 1970's.

R2 Dunnyduff Road

3.22ha

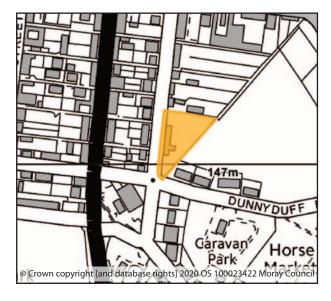


- The site is in two ownerships. Proposals for either part must show how they relate to each other particularly in relation to road connections.
- No individual houses or part development will be approved without an overall layout for the site.
- Ground conditions may require consolidation and electricity cables crossing the corner may affect the developable area of the site.
- Road access to be provided from both Edindiach Road and Dunnyduff Road. Houses fronting Edindiach Road to be serviced internally to reduce vehicle movements and reduce on street parking, contributing to road safety.
- Footways to be provided along site boundaries where they do not exist.
- Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) required.
- Phase 1 Habitat Survey required.
- A Transport Statement will be required to assess the impact of the development at the junctions on the Trunk Road network.

R3 Balloch Road

0.26ha

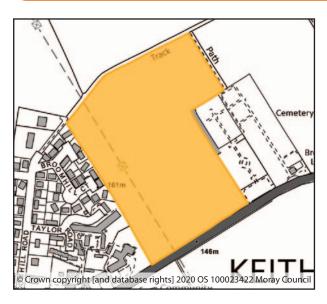
6 units



- The disused building on site can be demolished and site re-developed with a capacity of 6 houses.
- If renovation of the building is practical, conversion to flats would be acceptable.
- There are known ground contamination issues and a ground contamination assessment will be required.
- Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) required.
- Phase 1 Habitat Survey required.

R4 Banff Road North

8.52ha



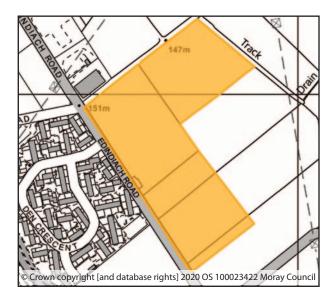
- Planning permission has been granted for this site.
- The presence of overhead cables restricts the developable area. The layout must take the necessary safeguarding requirements into account.
- Significant structural landscaping/tree planting is required on upper slopes to integrate the site into the landscape. This must incorporate recreational footpaths.
- Feature tree planting must be provided along the eastern boundary.
- Road access must be considered in association with the Mixed Use (MU) site immediately to the south. An initial junction may comprise a priority T or ghost island. Land must be safeguarded to serve a roundabout to both sites.
- Re-positioning of the 30mph signs will require to be promoted by the developer for the roundabout access.
 Any initial priority junction must be designed for the 60mph speed limit.
- Any significant change to the extant planning permission must be supported by an updated Transport Assessment, which includes new traffic surveys at the A96/A95 Banff Road junction. A contribution towards this junction may be required.
- Hedging and feature tree planting must be provided along the A95 frontage incorporating a footway/cycleway.
- Badger Survey required.
- Pocket Park required.



Edindiach Road (West) R5

5.35ha

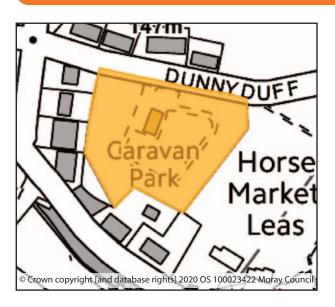
55 units



Planning consent has previously been granted for 55 houses with development commenced.

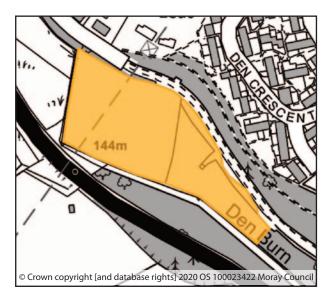
Former caravan site, Dunnyduff Road

0.67ha



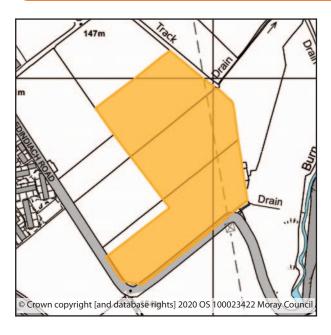
- Opportunity to redevelop a brownfield site in a residential area.
- The existing access onto Dunnyduff Road will require upgrading and the provision of a minimum visibility splay of 2.4 metres by 43 metres.
- Transport Statement required.
- Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) required.
- Consideration must be given to connectivity with town centre and nearby core paths.

R7 Denwell Road 1.76ha Capacity dependent on detailed FRA



- Area of low lying land between the A96 and the old military road. Given its shape, location and known flood risk, a low density development could be accommodated.
- Any planning application for the site will require to be supported by a detailed Flood Risk Assessment (FRA).
 Development must avoid all parts of the site found to be at risk of flooding and this may affect the options for site layout as well as the expected capacity of the site.
- No indicative capacity has been provided. This will be determined by the developable area of the site which will be determined by the FRA and ability to meet all other LDP policies.
- Given the proximity to the A96 and the potential for traffic noise a Noise Impact Assessment will be required.
- Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) required.
- A Transport Statement will be required, the scope of which would be determined by the proposed number of houses.
- New footway provision (2m) will be required on the south side of the existing road into the site, extending westwards in front of existing properties to provide a pedestrian connection to the A96 and junction with Den Road.
- Phase 1 Habitat Survey required.

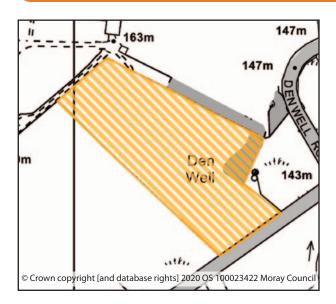
R8 Edindiach Road (East) 5.39ha



- Formerly a LONG site this site is now brought forward for development.
- A pylon crosses part of the site which may affect the developable area.
- A Transport Statement will be required to determine any development impact on the A96/95 Banff Road, A96/Bridge Street, and A96/Dunnyduff Road and Broad Lane junctions.
- Phase 1 Habitat Survey required.
- A landscaped boundary must be provided.



LONG 1 **Nursery Field** 2.52ha 70 units



- Advanced structural planting is required.
- A pylon crosses the site which will affect the developable area.
- Development will have to take account of mature trees on the site. A tree survey will be required.
- Peat soils on part of the site. An assessment of peat including a peat map will be required.
- Transport Assessment including an assessment of walking/cycling routes required.
- Play area and open space within the scheme or in Seafield Park must be provided.
- Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) required.

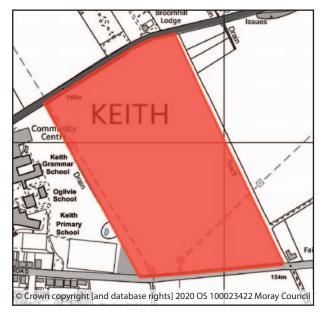
Banff Road South 16.66ha MU

Diagram 1.1 Key Design Principles MU Banff Road South

A new footway/cycleway will be required along the A95 Banff Road frontage of the site extending to provide access to the Significant parts of the site must Keith Sports and Community Centre be given to woodland/structure which takes cognisance of the existing planting with hedging and drainage infrastructure. feature tree planting along the A95 northern and eastern boundaries. Two access points are required. Indirect vehicle routes through the site must be provided with direct routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

3ha identified for healthcare facility.

MU Banff Road South 16.66ha







- Proposals must comply with the Key Design Principles set out in Figure 1.1.
- A mixed use site that can accommodate residential, community facilities, and high amenity/high quality business uses (Class 2 & 4 uses) should there be the demand.
- General industrial use will not be permitted.
- The NHS has identified the need for a Healthcare facility on the site. 3 ha of land has been identified on the northern part of the site which will be reserved for this use (as shown in Figure 1.1). Should part of this land be deemed surplus to requirements for the healthcare facility it could be brought forward for other acceptable uses.
- The site can be developed in phases but it must be done as part of a comprehensive layout/masterplan.
 This will ensure that a single phase does not prejudice the development of the remainder of the site.
- Pylons cross the site which will affect the overall developable area.
- A Neighbourhood Park must be provided within the site
- A Transport Assessment is required for the masterplan.
 The assessment must determine the impact of the development on the A96/A95 Banff Road junctions, A96/Drum Road and A96/Union Terrace junctions. A contribution towards improvements for this junction will be required.
- 2 points of access are required. The access from the A95 must be considered in association with the access into R4 to the north. An initial junction may comprise a priority T or ghost island if R4 has not been developed. Land must be safeguarded to serve a roundabout to both sites which will form a gateway feature.
- Re-positioning of the 30mph signs will require to be promoted by the developer for the roundabout access.
 Any initial priority junction must be designed for the current 60mph speed limit.
- Second point of access should be taken from Drum Road with eventual connection through the site to Banff Road. Drum Road must be widened to 5.5m and the provision of a 2m wide footway and connections to west of site must be provided. Off-site junction improvements may be required at Union Terrace and Drum Road junctions with the A96.
- Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) required.



EMPLOYMENT

I1 Westerton Road North

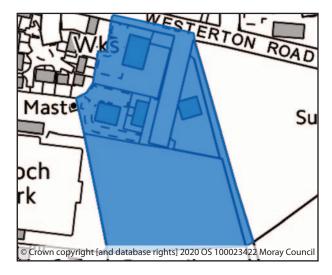
Industrial Estate



 Built out. New development will comprise redevelopment, extension or change of use.

12 Westerton Road South

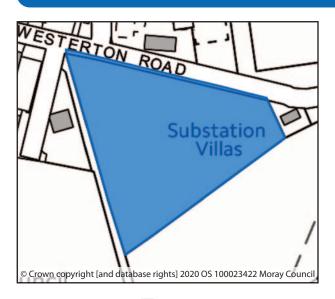
Industrial Estate



- Phase 1 effectively fully taken up.
- Road layout must allow for potential connection through to sites I4, I3 and I11 to the east.
- A Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) is required to ensure that existing flooding on Bridge Street is not increased through developing the site.
- Phase 1 Habitat Survey required.

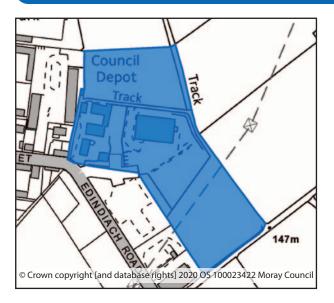
I3 Westerton Road East

Industrial Estate



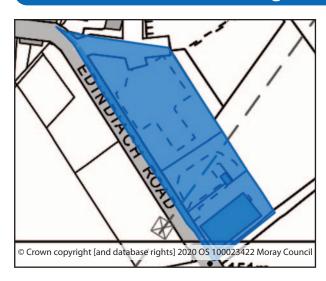
- Primary access will be from Westerton Road. A secondary access into the adjoining I2 to be provided depending on the scale and nature of the development.
- Depending on the scale of development, some road improvements may be required, including Bridge Street/A96 junction.
- Proposals must provide connections into I11.
- A footway along the site frontage connecting with the existing footway is required.
- The expansion of industrial uses towards the existing housing at Substation Villas to the east may need further consideration in terms of noise impact. A Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) may be required.
- A Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) is required to ensure that the existing flood risk on Bridge Street is not increased from any development.

14 Bridge Street Industrial Estate



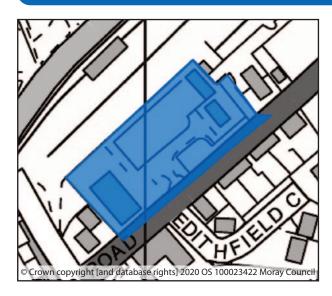
- Keith Builders Merchants has taken up much of this site and has provided access to the north.
- Proposals must incorporate a road layout that connects to I2 and Westerton Road to the north and safeguard connections to I11 and LONG 2.
- An area on the south east is constrained by road access and overhead cables but could be utilised if solutions are identified.
- A Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) is required to ensure that the existing flood risk on Bridge Street is not increased from development on this site.
- Phase 1 Habitat Survey required.

15 Edindiach Road Existing Business Area



 Area fully occupied by the lorry park and car repair business. Land to the rear is constrained (see I4) but can be utilised should solutions be found.

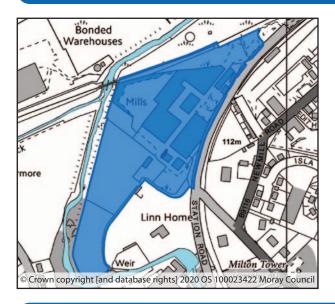
16 Newmill Road Industrial Estate



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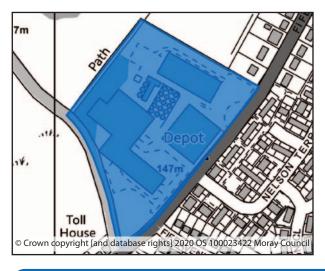
17 Isla Bank Mills



Industrial Estate

- Not an "industrial site" in the accepted sense. The Mills have been converted into a range of units and a number of businesses accommodated.
- Flat areas of land are liable to flooding but may be suitable for storage use.
- A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) will be required for any application that is submitted for this area

18 Grain Store, Dufftown Road

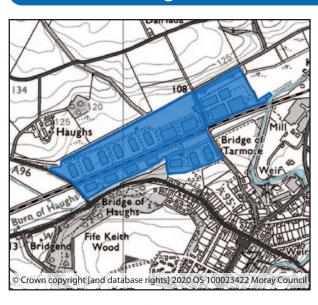


Existing Business Area

- The site of a long established grain merchant is retained for that use.
- Any future commercial or industrial development, whether for the established use or another use, must take into account the potential for excessive noise nuisance that is likely to affect residential properties in the vicinity.

19 Burn of Haugh Bonded Warehouses



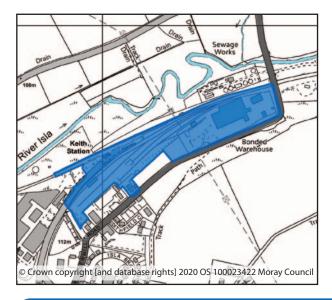


Chivas Brothers warehousing adjacent to the railway.

Existing Business Area

- Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) required.
- A Phase 1 Habitat Survey will be required.

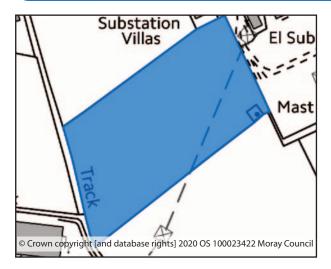
I10 Railway Land and Business works Existing Business Area



- Railway sidings and associated land (including whisky blending works) are to be retained for transport/freight uses, including the bulk shipping of whisky.
- Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) required.

I11 Westerton Road East Expansion

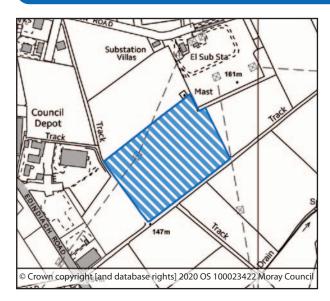
Industrial Estate



- New allocation to increase the supply of employment land.
- Site is landlocked and it is unlikely that access can be taken from Westerton Road. Access can be taken from the adjacent I4 site.
- Road layout must provide future connections to the identified LONG2 to the south.
- A core path runs along the western boundary of the site must be retained. Pedestrian connections must be made to Westerton Road South
- Transport Assessment/Statement will be required and subject to the scale of development a Travel Plan may be required.
- Noise Impact Assessment may be required

LONG 2 Westerton Road

Industrial Estate



- Proposals must connect into the existing industrial estate.
- Access to be provided via the I11 and I4/I5 sites.
- Transport Assessment/Statement will be required and subject to the scale of development a Travel Plan may be required.
- Noise Impact Assessment may be required.



OPPORTUNITY SITES

OPP1 The Tannery



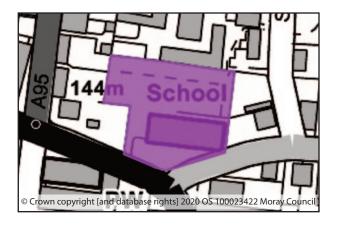
Suitable Uses

Residential/Business

Site specific requirements

- The former Tannery building has been demolished and is available for re-development.
- Access onto the A96, although poor visibility is a constraint, and may restrict possible uses.
- Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) will be required.

OPP2 Former Primary School Church Road



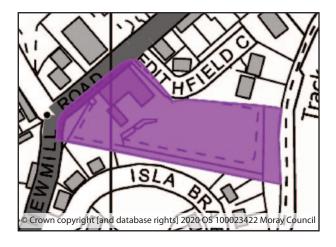
Suitable Uses

Business/Residential

Site specific requirements

- The former primary school is available for alternative development.
- Access onto the A96 may restrict possible uses. In land use terms housing or business use will be supported.
- Transport Scotland must be consulted as the Trunk Roads Authority.

OPP3 Newmill South Road



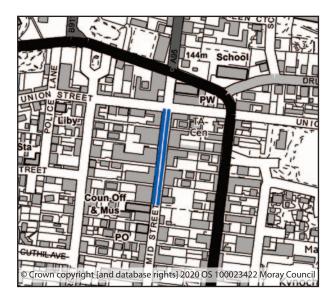
Suitable Uses

Business/Residential

Site specific requirements

- Relocation of the builders merchants has made this site available for redevelopment.
- Redevelopment for housing is the preferred use.
- Should business uses be continued, these must be compatible with adjoining housing.

CRA Town Centre/Core Retail Area

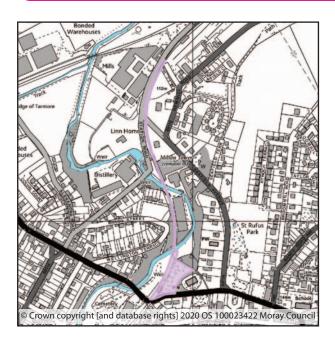


Town Centre/Core Retail Area (CRA)

The retention of Keith's primary retail street (referred to as Core Retail Area on the town map) is of primary importance to the town. Only development for use class 1 shops, use class 2 financial, professional and other services, or use class 3 food and drink at ground level will be supported.

TOURISM

T1 Keith Dufftown Railway



- Presence of the railway provides a strong visitor attraction. The line between Keith Town Station and Dufftown will be safeguarded from development and the extension of the line to re-connect with the main Aberdeen-Inverness line will be supported, and the route will be safeguarded.
- Use of the station building in an enhanced tourism/visitor centre role will be supported.



ENVIRONMENT/GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Open space that contributes to the environmental amenity of Keith will be safeguarded from development that is not related to its current use as set out in the table below. Where available, the audit site reference from the Open Space Strategy is given in brackets:

REF	Type of Open Space	Location
ENV1	Public Parks and Gardens	St Rufus Park (KH/OS/022); Bandstand /St Rufus Park Gardens; Cuthil Park (KH/OS/016)
ENV2	Amenity Greenspace	Haughs Road (KH/OS/012); Isla Brae (KH/OS/025)
ENV3	Playspace for Children and Teenagers	Nelson Court (KH/OS/001)
ENV4	Sports Areas	Golf course; Fife Park (KH/OS/002); Simpson Park; Keith Grammar and Primary School grounds; St Thomas' Primary School; Bowling Green; Kynoch Park; Den Playing Field/Dunnyduff Road (KH/OS/017); Seafield Park (KH/OS/008)
ENV5	Green Corridors	River Isla Corridor (KH/OS/020); The Den (KH/OS/003)
ENV6	Natural/ Semi-Natural Greenspace	Cottage Woods (KH/OS/018) ; Denwell Road
ENV7	Civic Space	War Memorial (KH/OS/014)
ENV9	Cemeteries and proposed extensions	Banff Road, including area reserved for future extension
ENV11	Other Functional Greenspace	Alexandra Road; Newmill Road; Seafield Terrace (KH/OS/006); Keith Showgrounds (agricultural land).

WIDER ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATIONS

REF	Type of Environment Designation	Specification
CAT	Countryside Around Towns	Protects the area around the town from
		development
CA	Conservation Area	Keith Mid Street; Fife Keith

INFRASTRUCTURE

Sites identified will be required to contribute to and/or provide the infrastructure identified below and shown on the Transport Proposal (TSP) Map to mitigate the impact of the development on existing infrastructure. Other development will be expected to contribute (e.g. windfall, rural development and acceptable departures from the LDP). The infrastructure requirements set out below are not exhaustive and do not pre-empt anything that may arise including alternative means to increase capacity at planning application stage when a detailed assessment will be undertaken. Further information on infrastructure requirements and developer obligations is set out in the Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance

Type of Infrastructure	Mitigation Measure	Sites
Healthcare	New Build Health Centre	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, LONG1, MU, OPP1, OPP2, OPP3

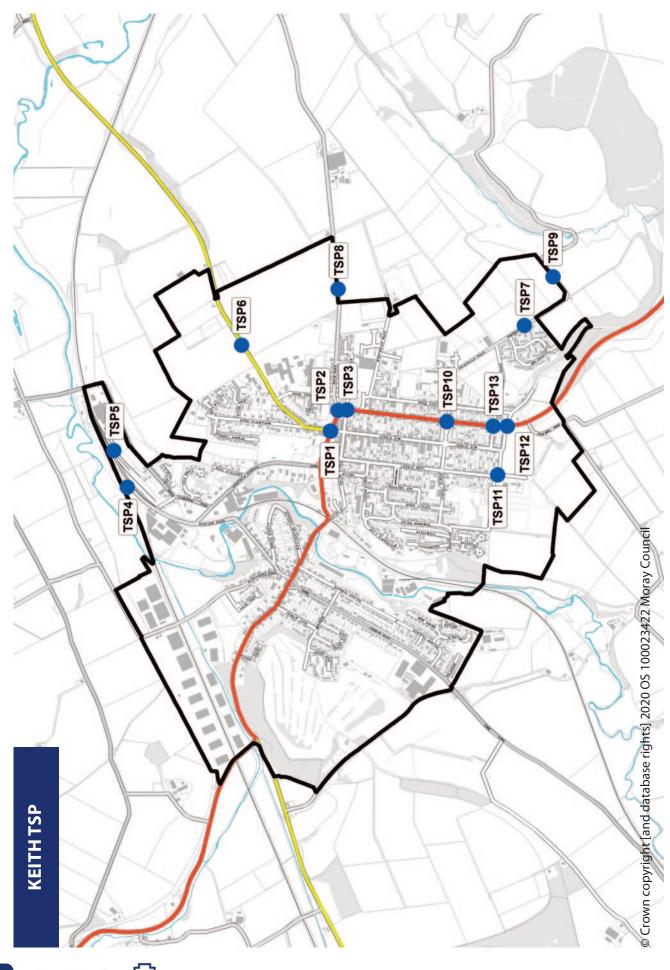
TSP's see map overleaf

TSP1	A96/A96 Banff Road/Mid Street Crossroads –	
	junction improvement required associated with	
	development in the north east of Keith	

- **TSP2** A96/Drum Road junction improvements may be required associated with development in the north east of Keith
- **TSP3** A96/Union Terrace junction improvements may be required associated with development in the north east of Keith
- **TSP4** Keith Railway Station safeguard and seek to enhance and improve facilities to encourage use of sustainable transport
- **TSP5** Keith Railway Sidings safeguard and seek to enhance and improve facilities to encourage use of sustainable transport
- TSP6 Banff Road new junction onto A95/Banff Road to serve R4 and MU to include extension of footway/cycleway and relocation of speed limits once the roundabout has been constructed
- **TSP7** Edindiach Road improvements to include road widening, footway provision and street lighting
- **TSP8** Drum Road additional access to serve site MU
- **TSP9** Auchoynanie Road new junction to access site R9

- **TSP10** A96/Bridge Street junction improvements may be required to mitigate the impact of sites in east Keith
- **TSP11** Seafield Park and Land Street upgrades required to serve site LONG1 (road widening, footway provision)
- **TSP12** A96/Den Road/Seafield Road junction improvements may be required to mitigate the impact of site in south and east of Keith
- **TSP13** A96/Dunnyduff Road/Broad Lane junction improvements may be required to mitigate the site in east Keith





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