

# Findhorn Ecovillage Land & Housing Trust

## Application Form (June 2012)

Contents of this application are reviewed by representatives of the NFA, the Findhorn Foundation and Ekopia.

(You may wish to retain a copy of this Application for your own reference)

Your attention is drawn to:

- \* The Land and Housing Trust's Allocations Policy, which describes the circumstances by which an individual may apply to receive support from the Land & Housing Trust.
- \* The Land and Housing Trust's Housing Support Policies which identify the mechanism by which successful applicants may receive such benefits.

Different Housing Support Policies are/will be available for:

- Station House Co-operative
- Soillse Housing Cluster
- East Whins Housing Cluster - General Rentals
- East Whins Housing Cluster - Shared Ownership
- East Whins Housing Cluster - Community Care Rentals.

You are strongly advised to read these documents before making an application. Please indicate below which of the above forms of housing support you are requesting support from.

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### Section I

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

Name (of applicant)

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Current Address and Contact Details

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Post code .....

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Length of time at this address (see Allocations Policy)

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Previous Address before coming to Moray/Nairnshire

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Post code.....

Current Telephone numbers - please indicate which you would prefer us to use if you provide more than one.

(home).....

(work).....

(mobile).....

Email Address:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Are you an EC national? Yes  No

If you are not an EC national, do you have UK residency?

Yes  No  Not applicable

What is your Work Situation, Occupation / Training?

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If applicable, the full name of your husband, wife or partner:

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Date of Birth:.....

Is your partner an EC national? Yes  No

If your partner is not an EC national, does he/she have UK residency?

Yes  No  Not applicable

Partner's Work Situation, Occupation / Training?

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Single or Joint Applicant  
(tick appropriate box):

This is an application for a single tenant

This is an application for a joint tenant

(Joint applications are only permitted for couples who are married or in a civil partnership)

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Marital Status (tick appropriate box):

	Applicant	Applicant's Partner
Never married and never registered in a same sex civil partnership		
Married		
Separated but still legally married		
Divorced		
Widowed		
In a registered same sex civil partnership		
Separated, but still legally in a same sex civil partnership		
Formally in a same sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved		
Surviving partner from a same sex civil partnership		

What immediate family of yours will be permanently living in the property?

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Will any person(s) other than the tenant and their immediate family be occupying the property? (This is only permitted with prior written consent of the landlord or his agent)

Yes  No

If "yes", please provide details.

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Please confirm, that if you application is successful, the apartment/house will be your main place of residence. Give details.

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If you are planning or thinking of using all or part of the apartment/house to conduct a business, what is the nature of the business and will there be any impact on neighbours? (e.g. noise, deliveries etc.)

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Are there any other practical details that you think we should know?

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**Section II**

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By choosing to make your home here you are also applying to join the Findhorn Ecovillage and its associated community. We would appreciate your response to the following questions to assist us in processing your application.

**PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

*To be completed by all applicants*

Please write about your personal background, highlights of your life, your spiritual background and other interests. Feel free to use additional sheets if needed.

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Why have you decided to live in The Park/other location as part of the Community?

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Please write anything else you would like us to know about you and that would help us get to know you.

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**Section III**

What year did you first come here and how long have you now lived in the area (give number of months if less than 1 year)?

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Have you done the Experience Week programme? Yes  No

If yes, what date.....

Focaliser(s) .....

Other Foundation Programmes you have attended:

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Have you read and understood the attached copy of the "Common Ground", a paper outlining how we aspire to live and work together? Yes  No

Are you willing to commit (or aspire to) the Common Ground?

Yes  No

Are you a member of any community organisations? (Please specify organisations and how long you have been a member)

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What is your current practical involvement in the Community (e.g. employment, programmes, trainings, volunteer work, groups involved with, length of service, etc.). Please indicate if you are employed, self-employed or working on a voluntary basis and if the work is full-time or part-time.

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What do you want to contribute to the Community in the future?

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**Section IV**

How much notice do you have to give your current landlord, if applicable?

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If your application is successful, what is the earliest date you could move into the property?

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Similarly, what is the latest date you could move in (bearing in mind completion dates are approximate and different properties have different completion dates)?

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Are there any other time constraints that we should be aware of (e.g. date of sale of current property, work commitments outside of the area up to a certain date, or any other reasons why you could not move in immediately)?

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**Section V**

References: Please include two personal references (one of which should be from an existing Community member) and (if applicable) written support from any co-ownership group that you intend to join.

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**Section VI**

I/we enclose full details of my/our current financial circumstances, including:

- household income per annum,
- assets and liabilities
- any anticipated changes that may occur in the foreseeable future.

**Section VII: SHARED OWNERSHIP CANDIDATES ONLY**

I/we also enclose full details of the:

- amount of capital I/we have available for investment.

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Note re return on investment.

This is likely to be the amount invested plus (or minus) a capital amount based on house price inflation.

Assuming:

\* an investment by the sharing owner of £50,000;

\* house price inflation of 3% per annum

the sharing owner could receive, following a sale or transfer after 5 years c. £57,500

However if house prices fell during this period, the sharing owner could receive less than £50,000.

**Thank you for completing this Application Form**

When completed, please forward to:

The Secretary  
Ekopia Ltd  
The Park  
Findhorn  
IV36 3TZ

Email: gensec@findhorn.org

## *Common Ground*

*If the word "commit" is too strong for you, then you can choose to use the word "aspire"*

- 1. Spiritual Practice** I commit myself to active spiritual practice and to align with spirit to work for the greatest good.
- 2. Service** I commit myself to the service of others and to our planet, recognising that I must also serve myself in order to practise this effectively.
- 3. Personal Growth** I commit myself to the expansion of human consciousness, including my own, and I recognise and change any of my personal attitudes or behaviour patterns which do not serve this aim. I take full responsibility for the spiritual, environmental and human effects of all my activities.
- 4. Personal Integrity** I commit to maintain high standards of personal integrity, embodying congruence of thought, word and action.
- 5. Respecting Others** I commit wholeheartedly to respect other people (their differences, their views, their origins, backgrounds and issues), other people's and the community's property, and all forms of life, holding these all to be sacred and aspects of the divine.
- 6. Direct Communication** I commit to using clear and honest communication with open-listening, heart-felt responses, loving acceptance and straightforwardness. In public and in private I will not speak in a way that maligns or demeans others. I will talk to people rather than about them. I may seek helpful advice, but will not seek to collude.
- 7. Reflection** I recognise that anything I see outside myself—any criticisms, irritations or appreciations—may also be reflections of what is inside me. I commit to looking at these within myself before reflecting them to others.
- 8. Responsibility** I take responsibility for my actions and for my mistakes. I am willing to listen to constructive criticism and to offer constructive feed-back to others in a caring and appropriate fashion, to challenge and support each other to grow.
- 9. Non-violence** I agree not to inflict my attitudes or desires (including sexual) on others. I agree to step in and stop, or at least say that I would like stopped, actions (including manipulation or intimidation) that I feel may be abusive to myself or others in the community.
- 10. Perspective** I take responsibility to work through and put aside my personal issues for the benefit of the whole community. I will resolve all personal and business conflicts as soon as possible. I acknowledge that there may be wider perspectives than my own and deeper issues than those that may immediately concern me.
- 11. Co-operation** I recognise that I live in a spiritual community and that it functions only through my co-operation and my good communication. I agree to communicate clearly my decisions. I agree to communicate with others who may be affected by my actions and decisions and to consider their views carefully and respectfully. I recognise that others may make decisions which affect me and I agree to respect the care, integrity and wisdom that they have put into their decision-making process.
- 12. Resolution** I commit to make every effort to resolve disputes. At any time in a dispute I may call for an advocate, friend, independent observer or mediator to be present. In the event of a dispute continuing unresolved, I will have access to a Grievance Procedure. I commit to following this procedure [to be decided by the community].
- 13. Agreements** I commit to keeping agreements I have made and not to break or try to evade any laws, rules, or guidelines; to have honest dealings with all bodies and to pay all charges and dues owing.
- 14. Commitment** I commit to exercising the spirit of this statement of Common Ground in all my dealings.