



# Taighean a' Chaiseil, Staffin, Isle of Skye



# Taighean a' Chaiseil: overview

- Families living in six three-bedroom homes (SCT, CHT and LSHA built two each)
- Total of 12 adults and eight children
- New health centre (owned by Staffin Community Trust) replace ageing building: NHS Highland is long-term tenant with GP practice and other services provided
- Local aquaculture company Organic Sea Harvest is long-term tenant of 2 new business units, also community-owned

# Development's benefits to community

- Supporting and increasing primary school roll and population
- Brand new £250k community health centre to support delivery of health services in North Skye
- Business premises supporting a company which employs 18 people in Staffin
- A total £1.6million investment in our infrastructure and services, bulk of which is community-owned.
- Annual surplus from rental income of SCT properties to support other community projects

# Project Timeline

- **Aug 1999:** Last affordable homes built in Staffin, Ilse of Skye.
- **Sep 2014:** housing needs report published identifies clear demand for affordable homes: 18% of stock was holiday houses and Staffin suffering damaging loss of families and young people
- **March 2018:** Planning application approved (one year after being submitted)
- **Dec 2019:** Hearing at Portree Sheriff Court into site's resumption from croftland
- **Aug 2020:** Kate Forbes MSP performs turf cutting on site
- **Feb 2022:** families move into new homes



# Barriers to Project Delivery

- Landscape designation
- Planning delays
- Crofting law
- Capital Funding
- Energy rating





