

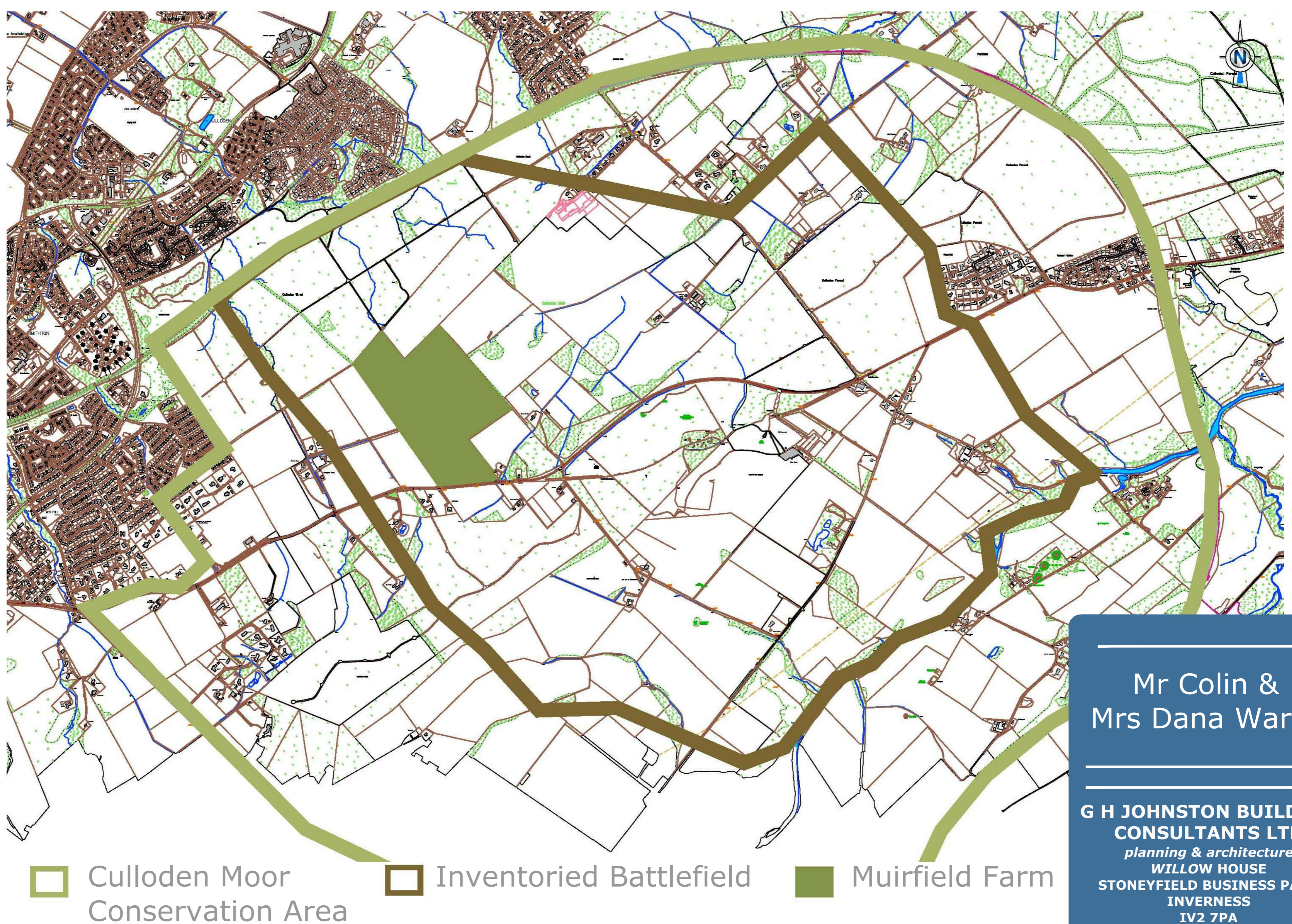
Proposed Operational Needs Farmhouse at

Muirfield Farm, Westhill, Inverness

CHARACTER & SETTING

The Battlefield environs comprise small mixed farms, substantial commercial forest, pockets of woodland, enclosed fields and open moorland; historic artefacts and heritage sites together with **significant, sporadic development including a major visitor centre, the small settlement at Leanach, sixteen recently completed houses on the urban edge at Viewhill, scattered farms including farm houses, agricultural buildings and infrastructure** and some twenty individual houses straddling the B9006 local tourist route.

Muirfield Farm sits within this mosaic of land uses and activities and the proposal will help to **sustain the landscape and settlement character of the Conservation Area and the nationally important heritage** that is located within it. The proposal will enable a young, local family to work the land they own and evolve the farm on which the planning authority and Historic Environment Scotland have already approved the development of an agricultural shed and for which *European Agricultural Grant Scheme* assistance has been secured.



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