

AGENDA ITEM 5

APPENDIX 2d

2017/0086/DET

COMMUNITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

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Dear Sir,

2017/0086/DET -An Camas Mor, Inverdrue, Aviemore

I refer to the above and must inform you that Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council supports the application and wish to make the following comments;

1. The Community Council supports the creation of a new sister community to Aviemore at An Camas Mor.
2. The Community Council would like to reiterate again the need for further housing for people with local jobs in the area and we believe that An Camas Mor helps alleviate that issue.
3. The only other alternative to provide the further housing required is to develop the land between the northern boundary of Aviemore and the dump. However, this is a strategy the Community Council does not support as it will lead to further extension of the ribbon development that Aviemore has become. There is insufficient public infrastructure in Aviemore to deal with that expansion. An

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Camus Mor has the infrastructure built in to its design. During the consultation leading up to the latest Local Development Plan we were told by a CNPA planner that the north settlement boundary was there to stop ribbon development and we agreed with that.

It is therefore essential that the CNPA approve the S42 application and do not hold the community back.

The Community Council would also like to clarify our views on the pedestrian bridge connecting Aviemore to An Camas Mor;

1. We continue to view this pedestrian only bridge as desirable.
2. Our preference has always been that there are no raised parts of the path on the floodplain to keep the bridge open when the River Spey is in spate.
3. The path either side of the bridge should be a porous path consistent in style to the existing footpaths near the footbridge location.
4. The suggested bridge with lighting, tarred surface and raised platform over the flood plain is complete overkill and will look out of place in the Riverside Park on either side of the River Spey. The bridge would have to be high, as it comes across the flood plain, as it would also have to bridge Dalfaber Road, which carries heavy goods and coach traffic, before joining on to the with railway embankment. In times of flood it is not possible to use the railway underpass.
5. It was suggested by a senior CNPA official, last week, that such a bridge was necessary for children going to school. In times of flood, children using the bridge would have to cross the railway at the railway station, adding about 500 metres to their journey and necessitating them going in to a railway station, possibly (most likely) unattended. The railway authorities will be pleased about that! The other alternative would be to add a further 500 metres to the journey, by going to the Old Bridge underpass, by which time it would have been shorter to use the new road access to An Camas Mor and journey via the Glenmore Road and Old Bridge.
6. At present children from Coylumbridge get free transport to the school door. That facility will apply to any children at An Camas Mor.
7. This is not a bridge. This is an un-necessary barrier to a much-needed development. We cannot think of any other development where such an imposition has been placed on a developer. Just who is going to be using the bridge before the development starts or before there is a park on the An Camas Mor side. The expense of such a structure to build and maintain, is un-warranted, and coupled with the insistence that it is put in place before the development starts

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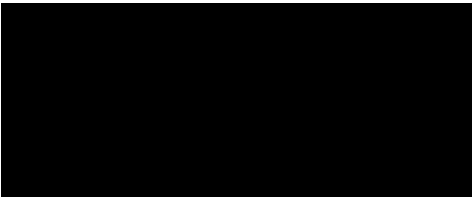
would lead the cynical person to think that the intention of Cairngorms National Park is to completely stall the development.

8. Our priority is that An Camas Mor is built as soon as possible. The construction of the footbridge should be delayed until it is actually needed and when its financing will not affect the viability of the project.

In conclusion,

Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council supports the application.

Yours faithfully,



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