

# Planning Service Newsletter

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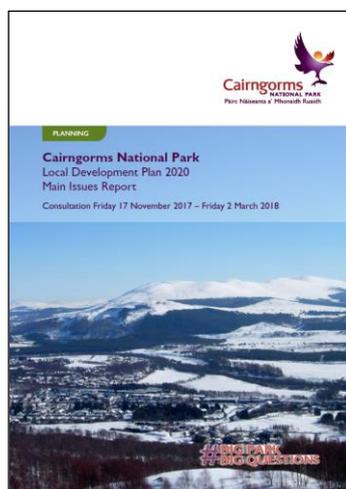
## Local Development Plan 2020: Main Issues Report Consultation

The consultation for the Main Issues Report (MIR) has now been launched and will run until **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**.

The MIR is intended to promote discussion, focussing on the main issues where there is the greatest need for change and on which we want to seek views. It considers both Park-wide or 'over-arching' policy issues as well as settlement-based proposals and issues.

We want your feedback! You can view the Main Issues Report and all associated consultation information, as well as finding out how to respond at:

<http://cairngorms.co.uk/consultation/MIR>



As part of the consultation we will be holding a number of events across the National Park where you can come and find out more. Full details of all events are available online at the above address.

## The Planning Bill

The Scottish Government's review of the planning system has reached a significant stage. Published on 4<sup>th</sup> December, the [Planning Bill](#) outlines a series of proposed changes to the planning system. The bill will now be subject to parliamentary scrutiny.

## Planning Success!

CNPA are delighted that the Snow Roads Scenic Route won two awards at the prestigious Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning in November 2017. It received an award in the 'Place' category as well as winning the highly coveted 'People's Choice' award.

The 'Snow Roads' initiative was part of the Scottish Government's Scenic Routes project to enhance the experience of Scotland's landscape through innovatively designed viewpoints. There are now three installations on the route between Grantown-on-Spey and Blairgowrie. They are located at Glenshee (Connecting Contours), Corgarff (The Watchers), and Tomintoul (Still).



## Aviemore Highland Resort

A [Draft Aviemore Highland Resort Development Brief](#) was approved by the Planning Committee in May for wider consultation. A public consultation was undertaken from 14<sup>th</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, which included two drop-in events on Aviemore Village Green.

The responses to the consultation are now being considered and a Habitats Regulations Appraisal is being finalised. A final version of the development brief will be taken back to the Planning Committee for approval in early 2018.

## Carr-Bridge Development Brief

A Development Brief for Carr-Bridge site HI has been adopted following approval by the Planning Committee in May 2017.

The [Development Brief](#) intends to guide how the site should be developed, setting out its constraints and opportunities. It will be a material consideration in the determination of any future planning applications for the site.



## Planning Performance Framework

The annual [Planning Performance Framework](#) for the National Park's Planning Service has been published and submitted to Scottish Ministers.

The report sets out that 100% of applications determined by CNPA were approved and 88% of applications had processing agreements. It also highlights that 326 new houses were built in the National Park over the last 5 years.

## New staff in the CNPA planning team

The CNPA planning service welcomed three new members of staff who started in October and November 2017:

- Emma Wilson has joined as a Planning Officer (Development Management)
- Luke Vogan has joined as a Graduate Planner (Development Planning)
- Colin Bradley has joined as a Graduate Planner (Development Management)

## Housing Market Reports

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) have published a report, '[Stimulating Housing Development in the Highlands and Islands](#)' as has the Scottish Land Commission, '[The Housing Land Market in Scotland](#)'. They both provide an interesting analysis of topics such as the housing gap, barriers to development and land reform.

## Developers Forum

The next meeting of the Developers Forum will be on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It is expected to focus on the MIR consultation.

## Planning Representatives Network

The next Planning Representatives Network meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

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