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Cairngorm National Park Authority

Att. Dan Harris

Dear Mr Harris

I am writing in support of a proposal identified as THC001 In the Main Issues Report, Settlement Survey section (Insh) of the Local Development Plan 2017.

North West of THC 001, and outside the currently identified boundary of the village of Insh, three established homes already exist which would be regarded locally as being part of the village. In this context THC 001 should therefore be considered to also qualify as part of Insh

THC 001 is situated in an open clearing, between commercial forest and ancient woodland, on ground formerly occupied by an electricity pylon: this ground can be classed, I believe, as a brownfield site.

Building an environmentally sympathetic home, as proposed on this clearing, in the vernacular of a Highland village croft, would not involve any loss of woodland.

Access would be from the B970 along an existing track created by SSEB and as in the clearing there would be no loss of woodland.

The proposed home on Site THC 001 is to be built as a long term permanent residence and occupied full time by a retired couple and an elderly mother. There is no question of resale or any letting arrangements.

Site THC 001 and adjacent land has been owned by the couple for 30 years with a view to their ultimate retirement which has now been reached.

The couple have lived and worked in Badenoch for over 40 years and we have known them personally for 34 years. They are responsible and community conscious residents who will continue to make an active contribution to the area.

Finally, in submitting this letter in support of their proposal to build on Site 001, from personal experience we have no hesitation in endorsing the construction quality of this proposed building and the sympathetic contribution it will make to enhancing the built environment of the village of Insh

Yours sincerely

