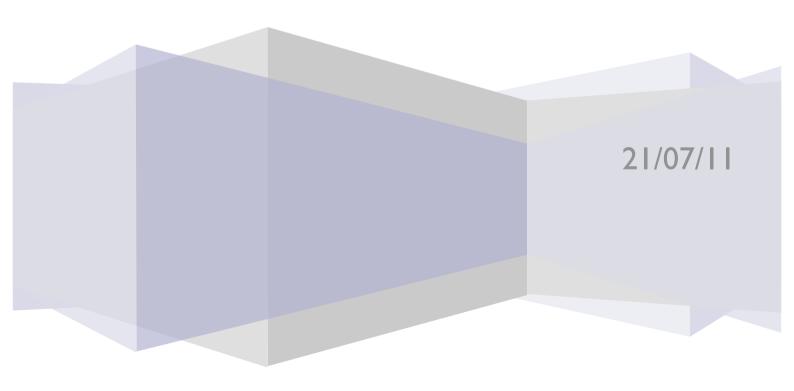
Local Development Plan Background Evidence

5. Site Analysis



This is one of five Background Evidence Reports that have informed the Cairngorms National Park Main Issues Report. These reports look at:

- I. Housing and population sets out the rationale for the new housing requirements identified in the Main Issues Report. It looks at how the population of the Park is expected to change and considers the impact this may have on the future number and types of households in the Park. It also summarises the Housing Need Demand Assessments produced by the Local Housing Authorities and identifies the housing land supply
- The economy sets out the rationale for the new employment land identified in the LDP. It looks at the evidence which exists, the demand information gathered as part of a study commissioned to support the LDP and any available information published by the Local Authorities.
- 3. Monitoring report an assessment of progress on the implementation of the adopted Local Plan (October 2010)
- 4. Other information summary of other information which has informed the development of the Main Issues Report
- Site analysis an assessment of potential development sites submitted by landowners, developers and agents as part of the CNPA 'Call for Sites' process.

These reports set out the rationale for the approach taken in the Main Issues Report on the various topics. They provide detail not contained within the Main Issues Report, and should be read together with the MIR Report to get a full picture.

Any comments or responses to the content of these reports should be included within your response on that part of the Main Issues Report and should not form a separate comment or response.

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I. Introduction

1.1 A variety of sites have been assessed to inform the Main Issues Report, and the proposed Local Development Plan. These have been submitted by by landowners, developers and agents as part of the CNPA 'Call for Sites' process (undertaken from April to June 2010), are included as existing allocations in local plans, or have come forward as a result of consultation with communities. A range of criteria was examined to identify preferred locations for potential future development.

2. Methodology

- 2.1 The potential sites were assessed on a number of criteria by CNPA officers and appointed consultants, including landscape impact, ecology and other topics. The assessments were then ranked Red/Amber/Green and a final conclusion made giving a final Red/Amber/Green. This indicates their suitability to take forward the proposed form of development. The criteria are:
 - Landscape: An assessment of landscape impact was undertaken by the CNPA Landscape Officer following a visual inspection of the site (character, capacity and visual issues and sensitivities examined accordingly) The Landscape Surveys for specific site comments is appended;
 - **Ecology**: A 'Phase I' habitat survey of each site was undertaken by the CNPA Ecologist or appointed consultants. This included a site walkover of vegetation and fauna and identified habitat suitability for mammals. The Habitat Surveys for specific site comments is appended;
 - Flood Risk: Sites were assessed by looking at the SEPA 1:200 Indicative Flood Risk Maps to determine whether they were located outwith,

- adjacent or within an identified flooding area (ranked Green/Amber/Red respectively);
- Settlement Relationship: Sites were assessed to ascertain whether they compliment the existing built form, whether they consolidate were related to an existing settlement and consolidated its form and pattern; whether it partly relate to the existing settlement or group, or whether they are unrelated to the surrounding built environment. (ranked Green/Amber/Red respectively);
- Services and Facilities: Sites
 were visually assessed to ascertain
 whether they were served by a
 range of community facilities (shops,
 schools, and other public services)
 and identified as with good
 provision, limited or poor;
- Immediate Site Access: sites were visually assessed to determine whether direct to the site is good, limited, or poor:
- Accessibility to local transport:
 Access by road and other modes was assessed, including wider accessibility and connectivity to other areas and identified as with good, limited or poor provision;
- Other considerations: Each site was visually assessed for likely availability of utilities and contamination constraints that may affect implementation.
- 2.2 The sites were checked against the published land audits produced by the constituent Local Authorities. These set out the effectiveness of the sites, as judged under the relevant guidance. I

¹ Planning Advice Note 2/2010 Affordable Housing and Housing Land Audits.

Table Key to ranking	
Site acceptable for some development	No Issues
Site has some issues	Some issues which may be able to be
	overcome/mitigated
Site unacceptable for development	Significant constraints

2.3 Any site ranked as red for ecology sensitivity, landscape, relationship to existing settlement or immediate site access result in a final rank of red.

3. Sites not assessed

3.1 Several proposals for single houses or steading conversions and landscape designations were submitted. The Main Issues Report sets out the proposed allocation of sites for larger scale development. The Local Deveopment Plan will not allocation or formally identify sites for this scale of development. Proposals on the following sites would therefore be considered under planning policy in the Local Development Plan rather than identified as sites allocated in the plan.

Table	2: Sites not assessed	
Ref.	Address	Reason
015a	Mill of Newe Steading	Single House steading conversion
015f	Former Steading, Inverarnan	Single House steading conversion
021a	Bridgend Steading, Corgarff	Single House steading conversion
030	Land at Coylum Road, garden grounds	Garden grounds - not suitable for allocation;
031h	Cairnadrochit, Braemar (M8)	Single House
032a	Site at Coranstalbeg Farm	Single House
032b	Gate lodge north of Farm, Coranstalbeg	Single House
032d	Site at Tolvah	Single House
033	Dalachapple, Cromdale	Single House
058d	An Camas Mor Gatehouse	Single House

4. Sites not assessed – Ecology4. I Several sites have not been surveyed for ecological purposes.

Table	Table 3: Sites not surveyed for Ecology				
Ref.	Address	Reason			
005e	Goods Yard, Blair Atholl	Industrial area			
009	Catlodge, off A989	Inaedquate information on nature of proposed development			
012k	North of CI- Car park	Car parking area			
014	Bridge of Newe, Strathdon	Felled plantation area			
032c	Glac Ghiubhsathan	Grass site suitable for I building			
045	Kirk Road, Cromdale	Industrial area			
050	H2, Dulnain Bridge	Felled plantation area			
053	O7, Bruar	Car parking area			
059	Land e/s River Spey, Aviemore	Not development			
065d	Area next to football pitch, Boat of Garten	Grass area only			

Site 001 Site Land at Ruthven Estate, Kingussie Size 30ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable/Leisure/Tourism/Other

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Outwith settlement, context for Ruthven barracks

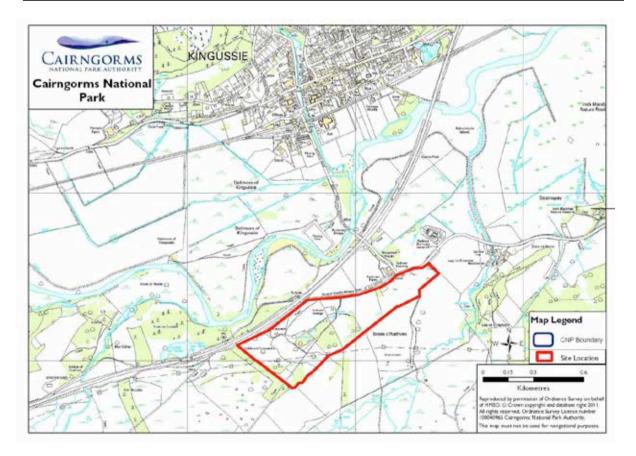
Landscape

Red- see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther ConsiderationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessRedAccessibility to local transportRedAccess to services and facilitiesRed

Issues Landscape, ecology, settlement relationship, facilities, access
Overall Rating Red



Site 002 Site Drumullie Croft, Lot 9

Size 8.79ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape

Raised area. Open woodland.

Landscape

Red – see survey

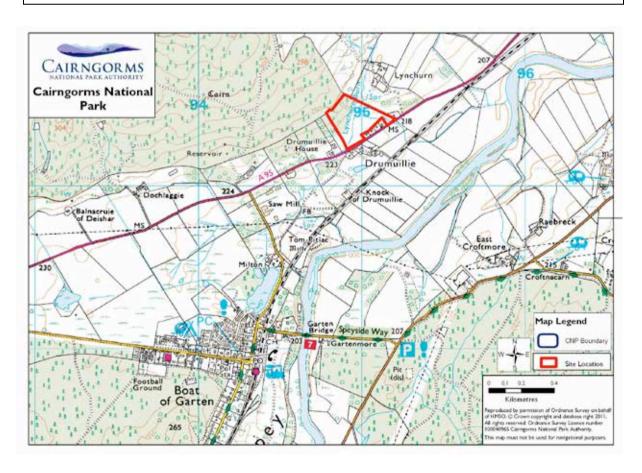
Risk of Flooding Green
Other considerations Amber
Relationship to existing settlement Amber

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesRed

Issues Landscape, services and facilities, access

Overall Rating Red





 $\textbf{Proposals} \ \ Housing/Affordable/Industrial/Commercial/Leisure/Tourism/Retail/Other$

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

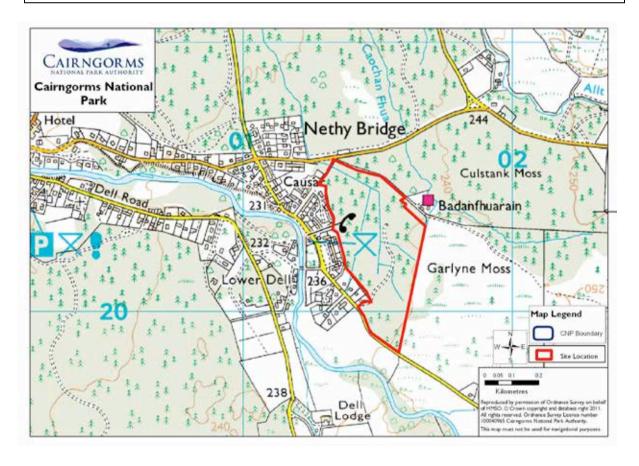
General Landscape Landscape

Beyond natural village body in woodland setting Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Landscape	
Overall Rating	Red	



Site 003b Site Land adjacent to River Nethy Size 2ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable/Industrial/Commercial/Leisure/Tourism/Retail/Other

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape

Paddocks, setting, flood plain

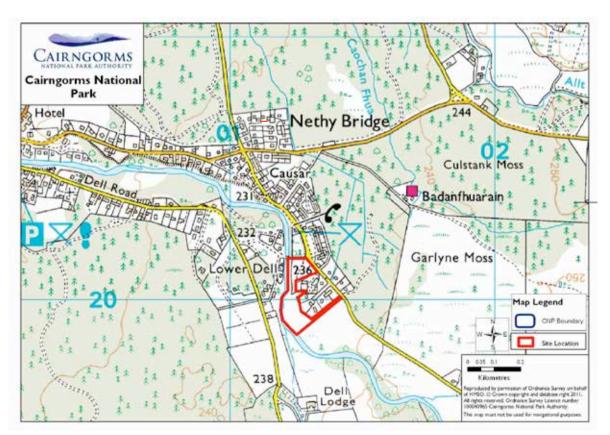
Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of Flooding Red
Other considerations Red
Relationship to existing settlement Amber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Landscape, Flooding	
Overall Rating	Red	



Proposals Leisure/Tourism

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Woodland setting, visible hill side

Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of Flooding Green Other considerations Amber Relationship to existing settlement Red

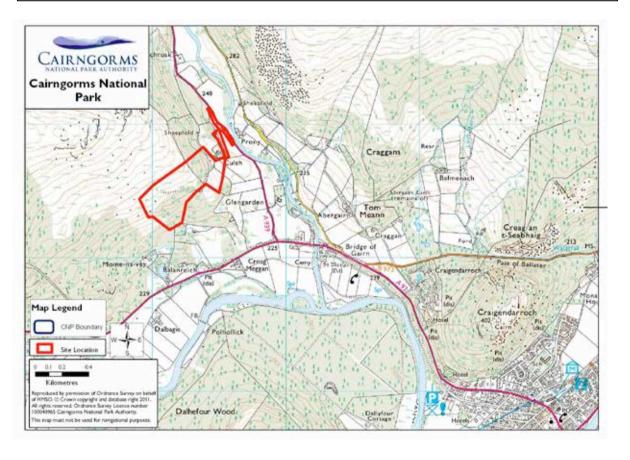
Immediate site access Amber Accessibility to local transport Amber Amber Access to services and facilities

Issues Landscape, ecology, settlement relationship

Overall Rating

Red





Site 005a Site Land at Struan, near Calvine

Size 2.8ha

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Green – see survey

General Landscape

Felled conifer plantation

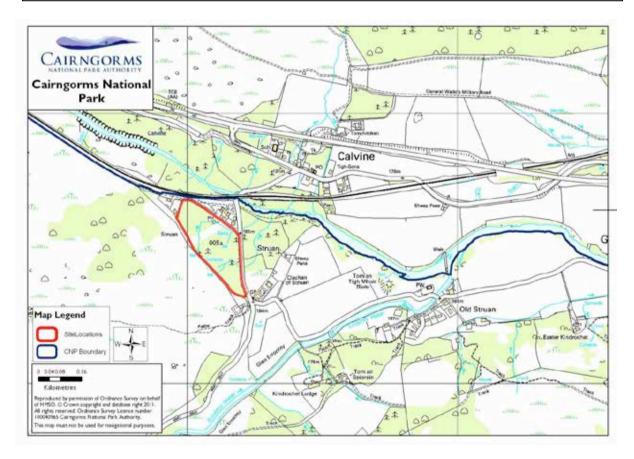
Landscape

Amber – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues	Services and Facilities, access	
Overall Rating	Amber	



Size 7.8ha

Proposals Leisure/Tourism

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Designed landscape, well-used walks

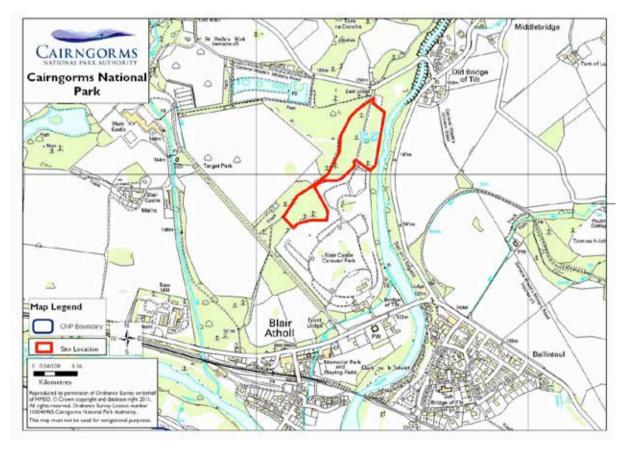
Landscape

Amber – see survey

Risk of FloodingAmberOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementGreen

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportGreenAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Ecology	
Overall Rating	Red	



Site 005c Site Land at the Old Nursery, Old Blair, Blair Atholl

Size I.5ha

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Green – see survey

General Landscape

Former nursery enclosure

Landscape

Amber – see survey

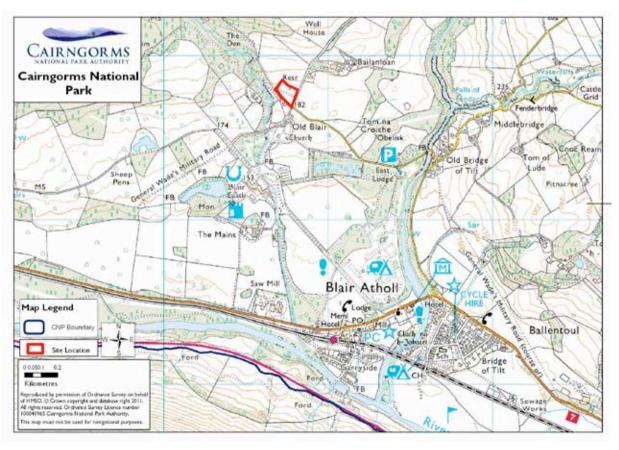
Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Settlement relationship

Overall Rating Red





Site 005d Site Land at Black Island, Blair Atholl

Size 24.3ha

Proposals Leisure/Tourism

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Woodland site close to river

Landscape

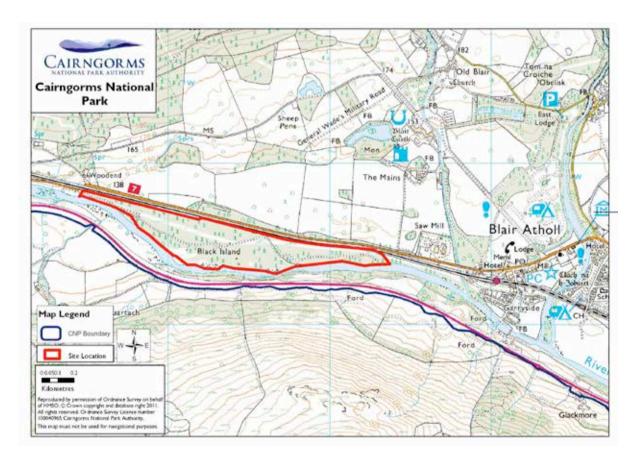
Red/Amber – see survey

Risk of Flooding Amber
Other considerations Amber
Relationship to existing settlement Red

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Landscape, ecology, relationship to settlement

Overall Rating Red



Site 005e Site Goods Yard, Blair Atholl

Size -

Proposals Existing Industrial/Commercial

Ecology sensitivity

No survey – see Table 3

General Landscape

Established use/light industry

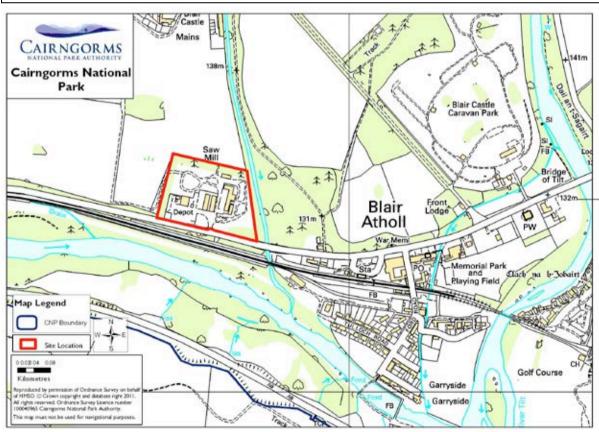
Landscape

Green – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsGreenRelationship to existing settlementGreen

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportGreenAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues None
Overall Rating Green



Site 005f Site Land at Garryside, Blair Atholl (H26)

Size -

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Green- see survey

General Landscape

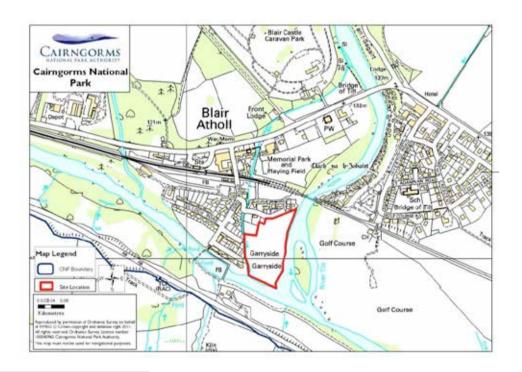
New edge to settlement Amber/green – see survey

Landscape

Risk of FloodingRedOther considerationsAmber²Relationship to existing settlementGreen

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportGreenAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Flooding	
Overall Rating	Red	



² PKC Housing Land Audit 2010 – non-effective – ownership constraints

Site 005g Site Land at Middlebridge, Old Bridge of Tilt, Blair Atholl Size -

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Green- see survey

General Landscape

Outside settlement, adjacent to designed landscape

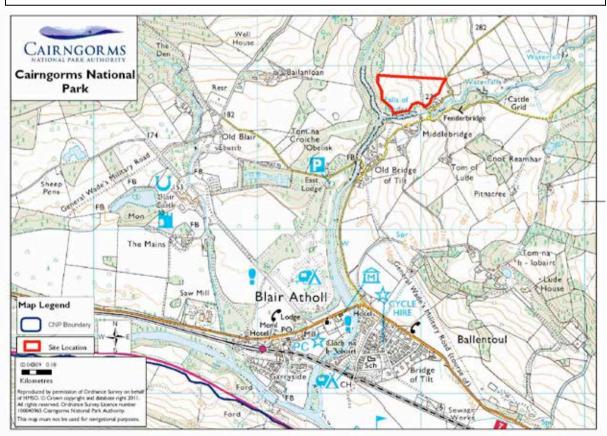
Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportRedAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Landscape, relationship to settlement, access
Overall Rating Red



Site 005h **Site** Land west of Pitagowan

Size 0.6ha

Proposals Housing/leisure/Tourism

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Wooded site, viewed directly from A9, B847 and railway

Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues	Landscape, ecology	
Overall Rating	Red	



Site 006a Size 3.0ha Site Land at Mill of Garlyne, Nethy Bridge

Proposals Leisure/Tourism

Ecology sensitivity

Amber - see survey

General Landscape

Raised terrace, woodland fringes

Landscape

Red – see survey

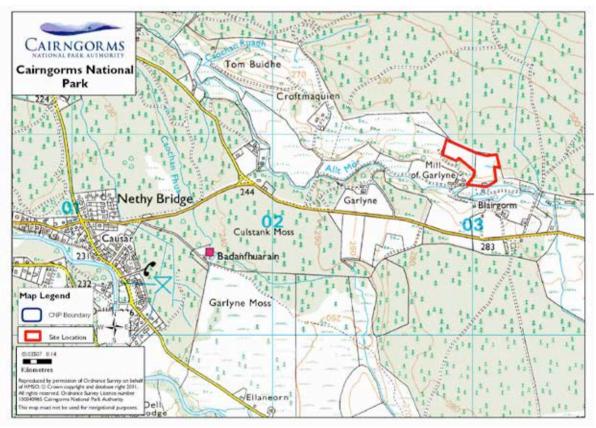
Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessRedAccessibility to local transportRedAccess to services and facilitiesRed

Issues Landscape, settlement relationship, access, services and facilities

Overall Rating Red





Site 006b **Site** Land at Craigmore, Nethy Bridge

Size I.Iha

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Green - see survey

General Landscape Landscape

Flat open field Amber – see survey

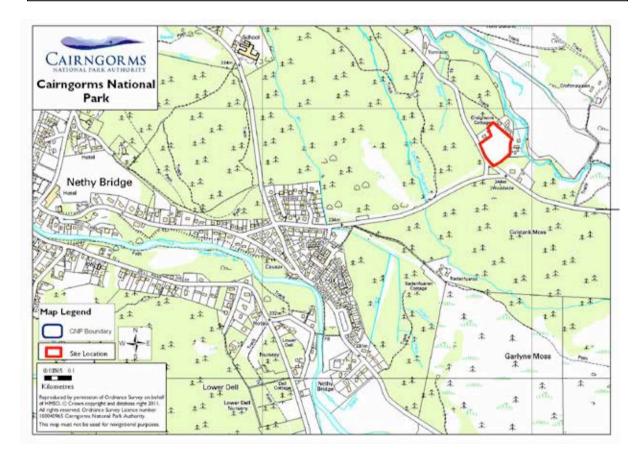
Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Landscape, settlement relationship, services and facilities

Overall Rating Amber





Site 007 Site Ordie, Dinnet

Size I.3ha

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape

Corner site by hamlet Red/amber – see survey

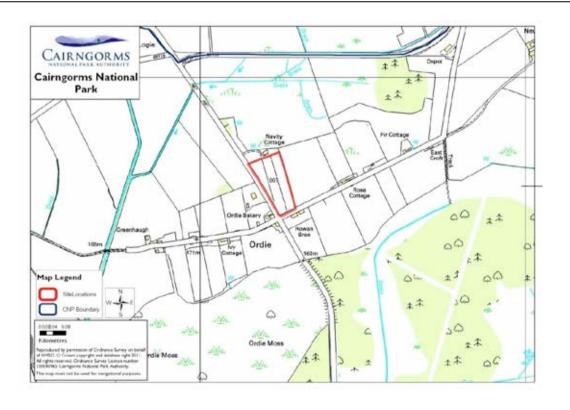
Landscape

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportRedAccess to services and facilitiesRed

Landscape, settlement relationship, accessibility, services and facilities

Overall Rating Red



Site 008 Site Auvhnerran Woods

Size 70ha

Proposals Leisure/Tourism/Retail

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Forested, mixed ground conditions

Amber/green – see survey

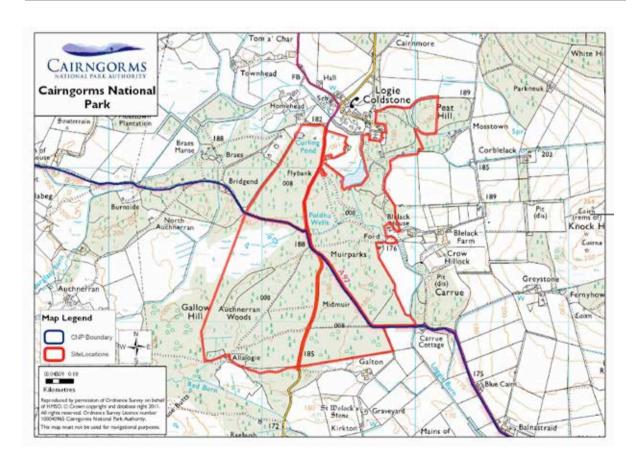
Landscape

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportRedAccess to services and facilitiesRed

Issues Ecology, settlement relationship, access, services and facilities

Overall Rating Red



Site 009 Site South of Pipers Croft, Catlodge off A889

Size 412ha

Proposals Leisure/Tourism

Ecology sensitivity

No survey – see Table 3

General Landscape

Remote, upland and uninhabited character

Landscape

Red – see survey

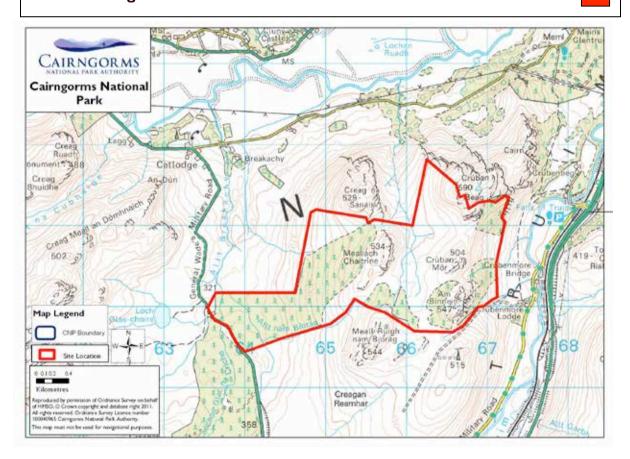
Risk of Flooding Green Other considerations Amber Relationship to existing settlement Red

Immediate site access Red Accessibility to local transport Red Access to services and facilities Red

Issues Landscape, settlement relationship, services and facilities, access

Overall Rating

Red



Site 010 Site Land at Kinakyle, Aviemore Size 17.1ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable/Industrial/Commercial/Retail/Mixed Use

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General LandscapeOpen fields, flood plain

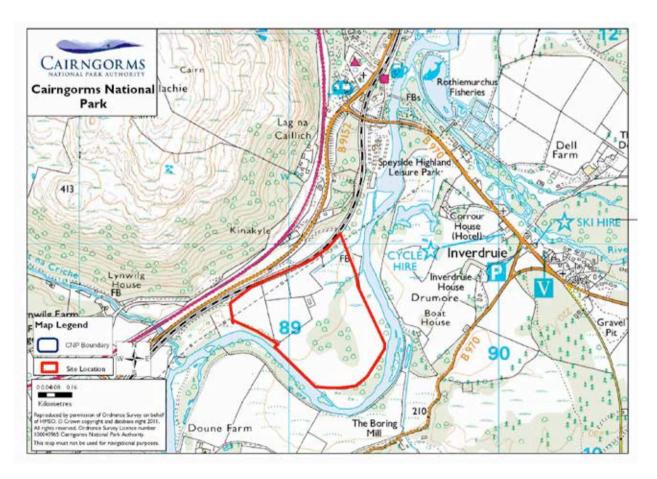
Landscape
Red – see survey

Risk of Flooding Red
Other considerations Amber
Relationship to existing settlement Red

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Landscape, ecology, flood risk, settlement relationship

Overall Rating Red



Site 011a Site Land South of Lynchat

Size I.0ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Green – see survey

General Landscape

Parkland character would be compromised

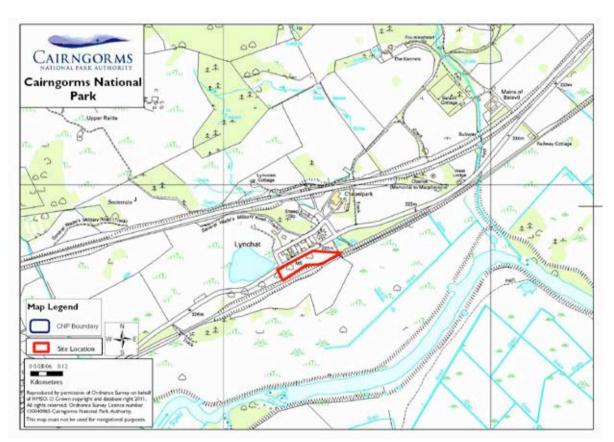
Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues	Landscape, settlement relationship
Overall Rating	Red



Site 011b Site Land East of Lynchat

Size 0.5ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Green – see survey

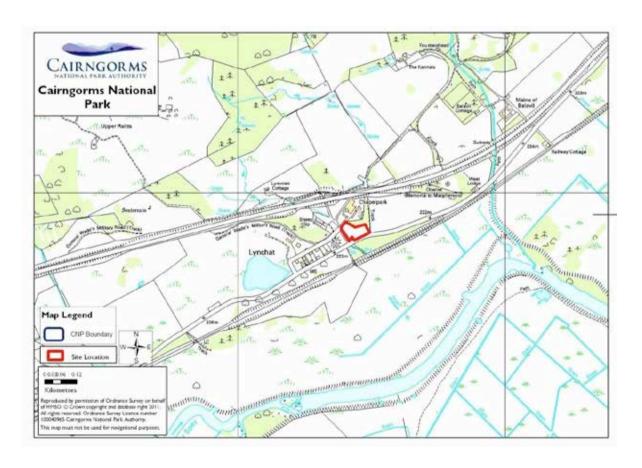
General Landscape Landscape

Visible site, design critical Amber – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Access, services and facilities
Overall Rating Amber



Site 012a/049 Site West of Play area, Dulnain Bridge(HI) Size I.5ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable – existing allocation

Ecology sensitivity

Green – see survey

General Landscape

Some woodland and boggy area

Landscape

Green – see survey

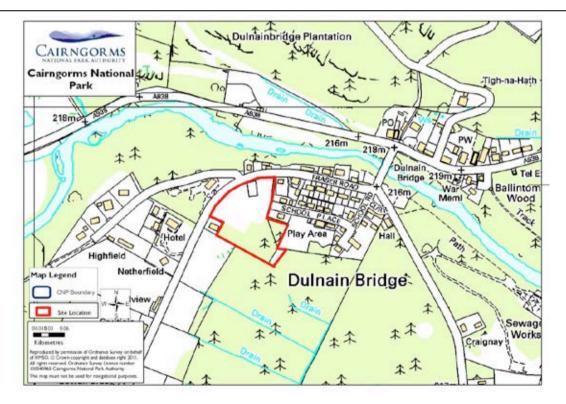
Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsGreen³Relationship to existing settlementGreen

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues Access addressed through existing development brief

Overall Rating Green





³ Highland Council Housing Audit 2010 – HI- 4 effective to 2012

Size 1.5ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape

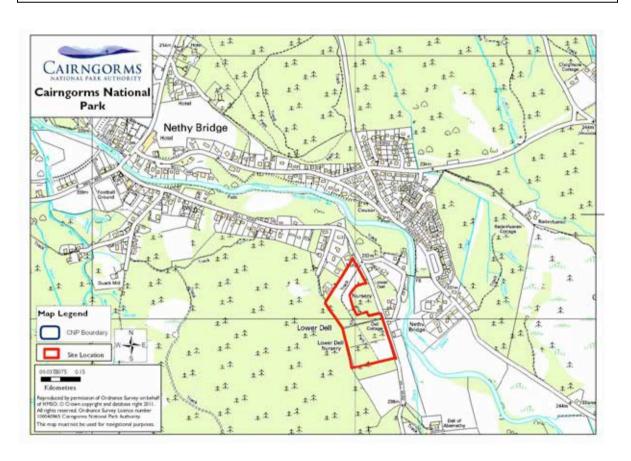
Woodland. Amenity area Red – see survey

Landscape

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Landscape, settlement relationship	
Overall Rating	Red	



Site 012c **Site** Duack Bridge, Nethy Bridge

Size 1.8ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape

Paddock/grass fields

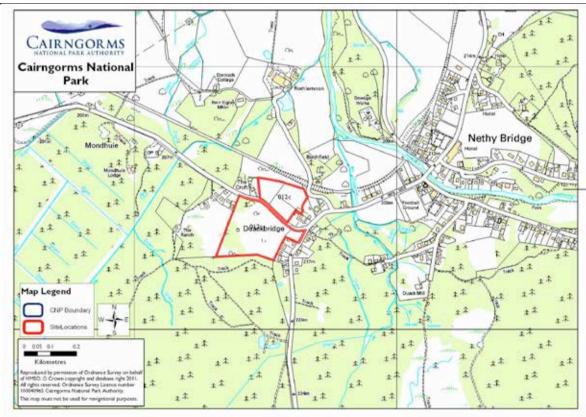
Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues Landscape
Overall Rating Red



Site 012d Site East of Seafield Avenue/West of Castle Road East, Grantown on Spey Size 9.6ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Moss, grassland area to rear of houses

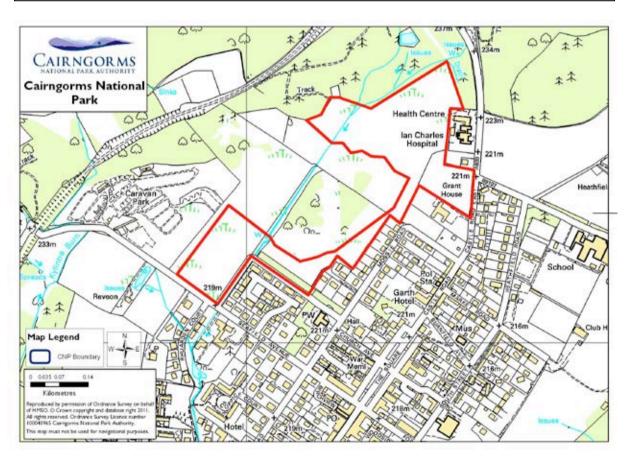
Landscape

Red/amber – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportGreenAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Landscape, Ecology	
Overall Rating	Red	



Site 012e Site West of Cairngorm Avenue & Revoan Drive, Grantown on Spey

Size 7.5ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape

Not readily in settlement, prominent, woodland

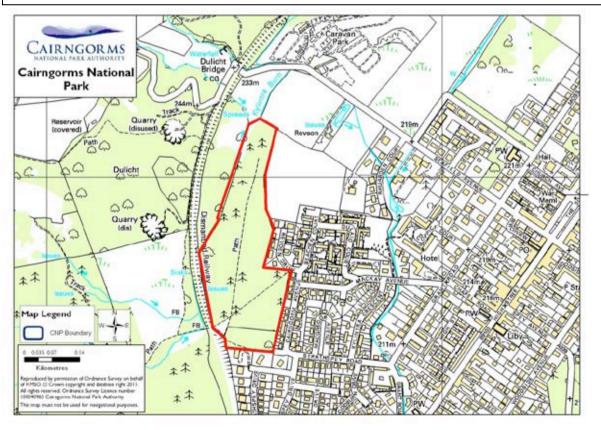
Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of Flooding Green Other considerations Amber Relationship to existing settlement Amber

Immediate site access Amber Accessibility to local transport Green Access to services and facilities Green

Issues Landscape **Overall Rating** Red



Size 4.4ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable – existing allocation

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape Landscape

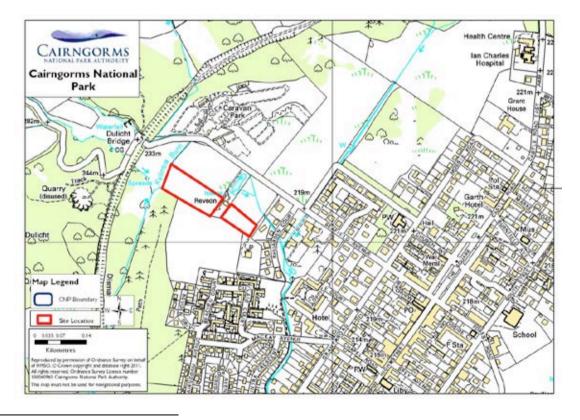
Visible site, design critical Amber/green – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsGreen⁴Relationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportGreenAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues Access, landscape, relationship – addressed through existing development brief

Overall Rating Amber



⁴ Highland Council Housing Audit 2010 – H1- 10 effective

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Site 012g/039 Site North Dalfaber, Aviemore (H2&H3) Size -

Proposals Housing/Affordable – existing allocation

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

General Landscape

Edge of village, wood

Landscape

Amber – see survey

Risk of Flooding Amber
Other considerations Amber⁵
Relationship to existing settlement Green

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportGreenAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues Flooding, landscape
Overall Rating Amber



 $^{^{5}}$ Highland Council Housing Land Audit 2010 – effective - H2 – 3 / H3 - 10

Size 2.5ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Amber – see survey

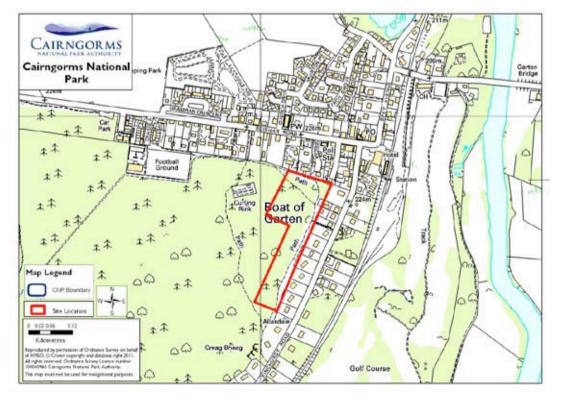
General Landscape Landscape

Woodland site Amber – see survey

Risk of Flooding Green
Other considerations Amber
Relationship to existing settlement Amber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

IssuesLandscape (amber only if units numbers are reducedOverall RatingAmber



Size 3.9ha

Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Woodland site, village setting

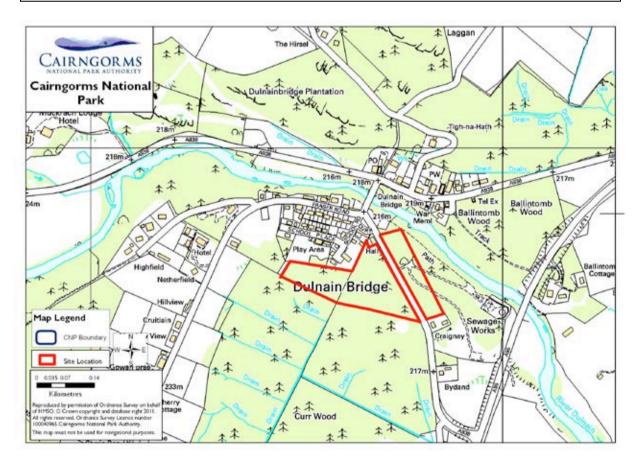
Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Landscape, ecology	
Overall Rating	Red	



Proposals Housing/Affordable

Ecology sensitivity

Red – see survey

General Landscape

Woodland site

Landscape

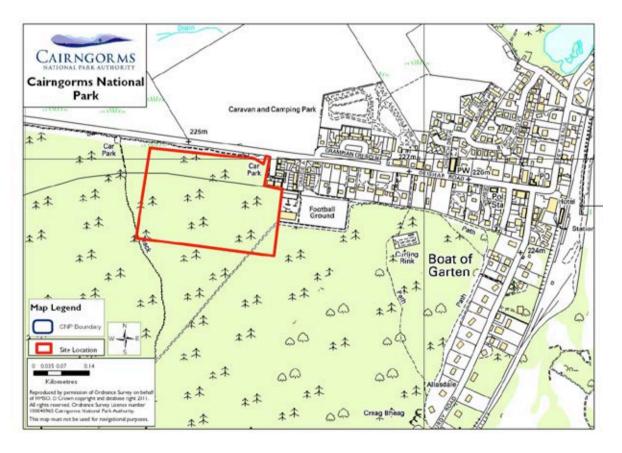
Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

IssuesLandscape, ecologyOverall RatingRed





Size -

Proposals Commercial

Ecology sensitivity

No survey – see Table 3

General Landscape

Woodland site

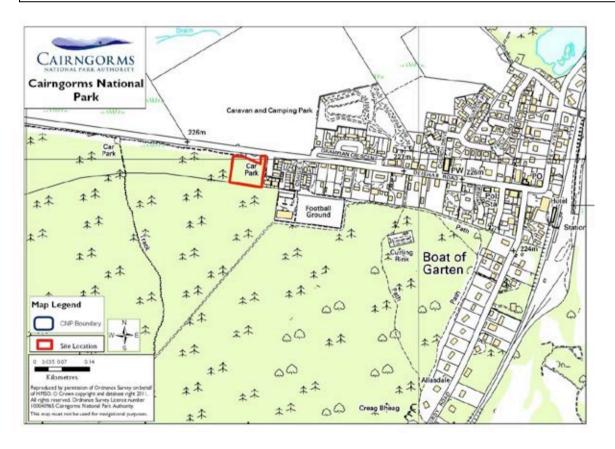
Landscape

Red – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementAmber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesGreen

Issues	Landscape, ecology	
Overall Rating	Red	



Site 013 Site Newe Avenue, Strathdon

Size 2.5ha

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Green - walk over survey

General Landscape

Grassed area

Landscape

Amber – see survey

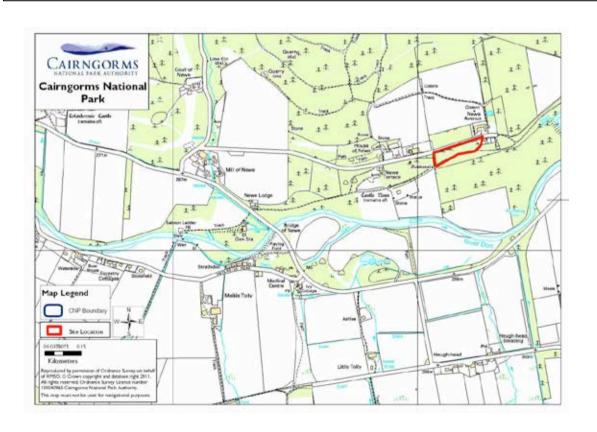
Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessRedAccessibility to local transportRedAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Landscape, settlement relationship

Overall Rating Red





Site 014 Site Bridge of Newe, Stathdon Size 1.77ha

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

No survey – See Table 3

General Landscape

Low-lying football field beside river

Landscape

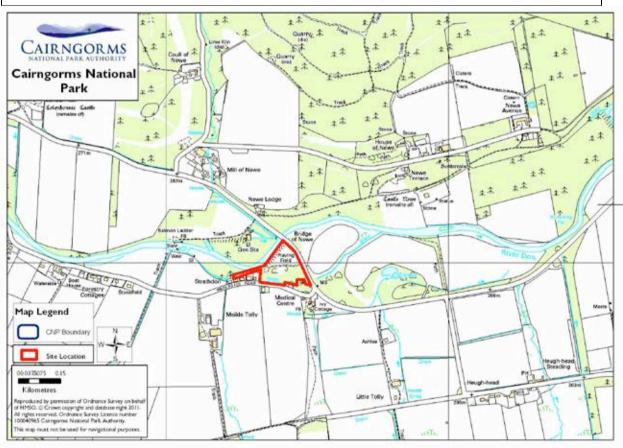
Red – see survey

Risk of Flooding Red
Other considerations Amber
Relationship to existing settlement Amber

Immediate site accessAmberAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues Landscape, flooding, settlement relationship

Overall Rating Red



Site 015a Site Mill of Newe steading (site 1)

Size -

Proposals Housing/Affordable – steading conversion

Ecology sensitivity

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General Landscape Landscape

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Risk of Flooding -

Other considerations -

Relationship to existing settlement Steading

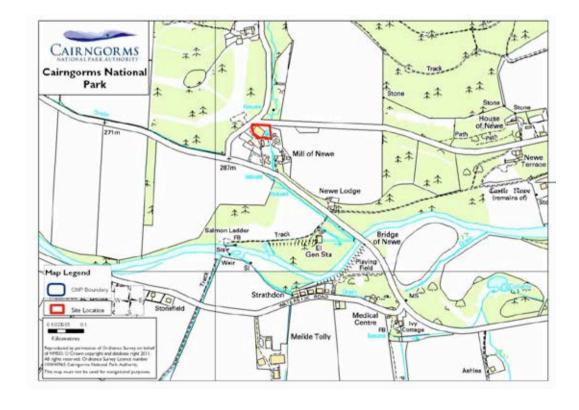
Immediate site access -

Accessibility to local transport -

Access to services and facilities -

Issues -

Overall Rating Single House – see Table 2



Site 015b **Site** Mill of Newe steading (site 2)

Size -

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Green - see survey

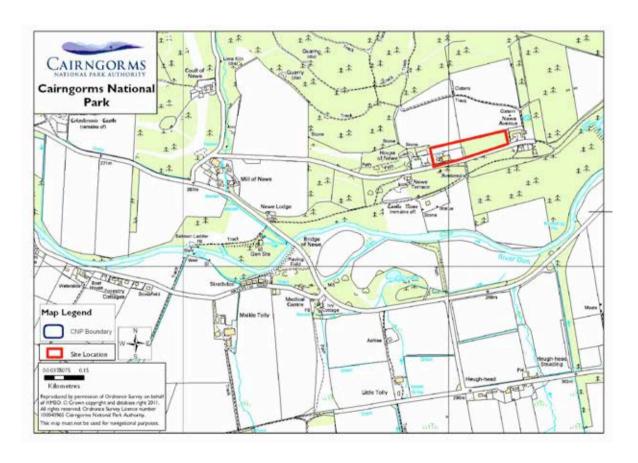
General Landscape Landscape

Steading/stack yard site Green – see survey

Risk of FloodingGreenOther considerationsAmberRelationship to existing settlementRed

Immediate site accessRedAccessibility to local transportRedAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues	Settlement relationship, access and services	
Overall Rating	Red	



Site 015c Site Sites between Invernoughty Farmhouse and Bellabeg school Size -

Proposals Housing

Ecology sensitivity

Green – see survey

General Landscape Landscape

Gap sites within settlement – East and West Red/Amber – see survey

Risk of Flooding Green
Other considerations Amber
Relationship to existing settlement Amber

Immediate site accessGreenAccessibility to local transportAmberAccess to services and facilitiesAmber

Issues	Landscape
Overall Rating	Red – East / Amber - West

