

CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

Title	Formal review of the Core Paths Plan
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Purpose	To highlight the changes between the existing Core Paths Plan adopted in March 2010 and the proposed plan, and to seek a response from the Local Outdoor Access Forum as a statutory consultee on the Plan.

Advice Sought

Is the revised core path network sufficient to provide reasonable access throughout the area?

Background

1. The CNPA began the formal consultation on the revised Core Paths Plan on the 15th of April in tandem with the Local Development Plan (LDP). The revised Core Paths Plan is supplementary guidance to the LDP (see annex 1).
2. Since the May meeting last year the Forum has provided advice on changes to the objectives, on issues associated with existing and proposed core paths and on the process for the Forum to comment on the Plan.
3. The main changes to the existing plan are as follows:
 - a. The inclusion of proposed core paths in Atholl and Glenshee
 - b. The inclusion of the Thieves Road in Rothiemurchus;
 - c. The inclusion of the a route across MacDonald Highland Resort, Aviemore and;
 - d. The inclusion of a route linking Lynhat to Kingussie.
4. As a statutory consultee on the Plan as set out in Section 18 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, the CNPA is inviting the Forum to make any representations on the Plan by the 5th July 2013.
5. The key question to be addressed by the Forum is: “Is the revised core path network sufficient to provide reasonable access throughout the area?”

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