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**CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM**

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Draft Cycling Action Plan</b>
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<b>Purpose</b>	<b>To highlight the 5 broad themes that will make up the Cycling Action Plan for the Cairngorms National Park and to seek views on the broad areas of work that the Action Plan will cover.</b>

**Advice Sought**

The Forum is asked to consider the Draft Cycling Action Plan and reflect on the following questions:

- a) Are the themes identified sufficient to address the areas of work that are identified in the National Park Partnership Plan?
- b) Are there omissions or additions that are required and if so, what are they?
- c) Is the Forum content with the broad thrust of actions identified in the plan?

**Background**

1. The Cairngorms National Park Partnership Plan recognises how cycling can contribute to the “active” agenda and identifies the following two work packages:
  - Promote existing cycling activity products throughout the Park and linking to the Park;
  - Improving access to and awareness of the network of safe on and off-road routes in the Park for recreation, and for active travel between communities; establishing missing links in the network of routes; ensure trunk roads improvements provide suitable off-road links; and developing the wider infrastructure and support services for cyclists in the Park, while maintaining the integrity of sites.
2. To help take this forward a workshop was held at the Lecht in November last year that brought together cycling groups, businesses, estates and public bodies. The workshop identified the 5 broad themes that are included in the Draft Cycling Action Plan and initial views were given on potential actions that require to be implemented to help deliver the overall aim which is “*A National Park where cycling is enjoyed by all and where it contributes to the social and economic wellbeing of locals and visitors.*”
3. These initial views have now been fleshed out in to a Draft Cycling Action Plan and we are now seeking your advice on the questions posed above.

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