Appendix I



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Lunch Hut - concept sketch

New Lunch Hut, Corndavon / Loch Builg Invercauld Estate AB34 5TW

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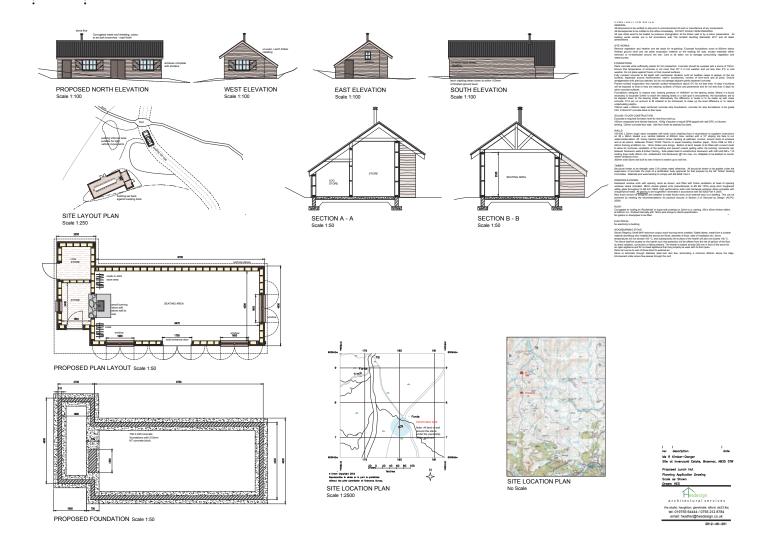
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Building Warrant Drawings of currently permitted scheme by HES Design

This proposal is for an alternative design to a scheme already granted full planning permission by the CNPA.

The same rationale as was used in the original application is replicated here with some important considerations:

- the footprint of the new proposal is identical to the current permitted scheme
- the massing of the new proposal is less than the current permitted scheme by virtue of a revised and softened roof profile
- the roof geometry of the new proposal has been developed to ensure a more sympathetic relationship with the surrounding topography
- the window pattern of the new proposal is less 'classical' in appearance and adopts the playful informality inherent in traditional utilitarian structures in the hills such as bothies and howffs.
- the materiality of the new proposal matches that of the permitted scheme with one important exception: the roof of the new proposal is to be fully planted with species matching the surrounding moorland. In this way the new proposal will have substantially less visual impact on the surrounding landscape.



Above: Blackhouse with partially turfed roof

In developing the proposal we have looked to historic antecedents such as Blackhouses, Steadings, Howffs and Bothies.

A blackhouse (Scottish Gaelic: t(a)igh-dubh) is a traditional type of house which used to be common in the Scottish Highlands, the Hebrides, and Ireland.

Characterised by massive masonry walls, cruck framed roof structure & heavy thatch, sometimes surmounted with turf/heather etc.



Above: The 'secret' howff on the approach to Beinn a Bhuird

Howffs are ad-hoc shelters of greater or lesser complexity built by (and to accommodate) climbers. Characterised by an informal plan form, usually derived from natural topographic features, and an artless & opportunistic approach to windows, entrances etc.

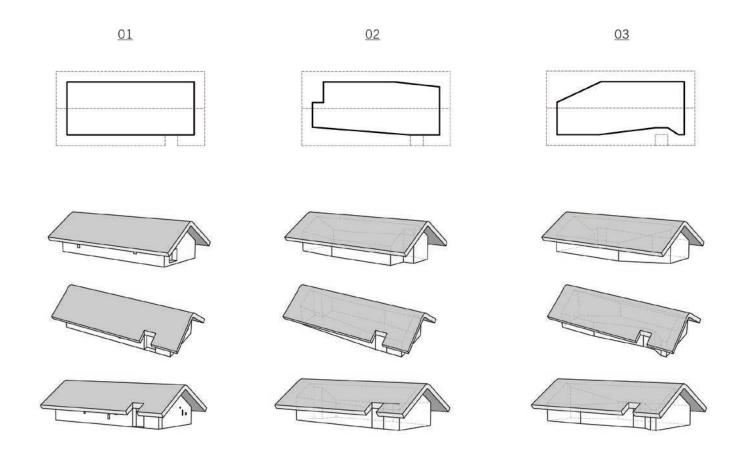


Above: stable at Connachat, Balmoral Estate

Vernacular outbuildings on Deeside & wider CNPA area characterised by assembly of distinct materials unselfconsciously adapted to accomodate practicalities - resulting in detail quirks such as door head on this small steading.

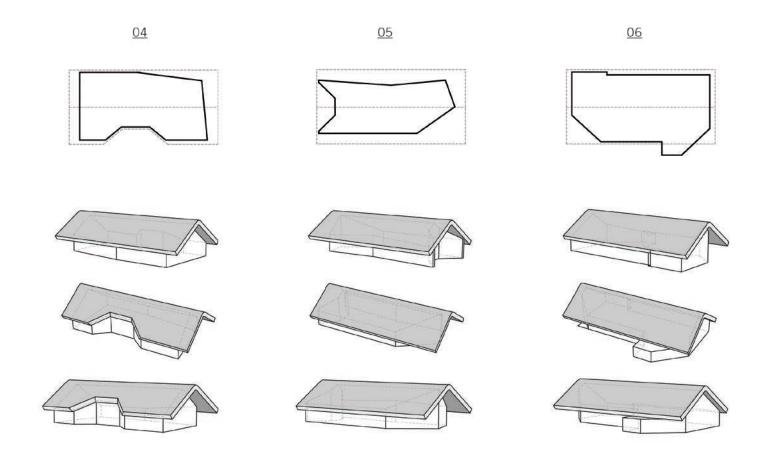


Above: The Fog House, Invercauld



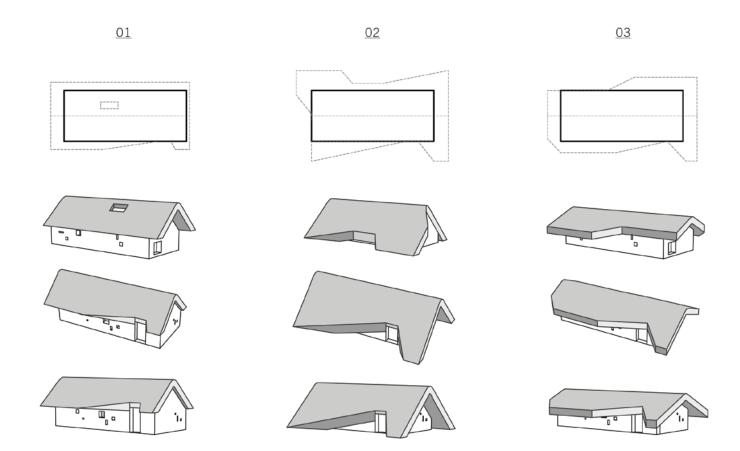
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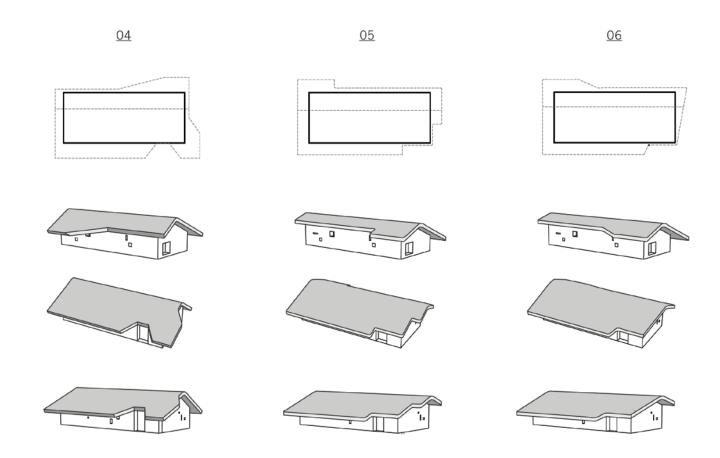
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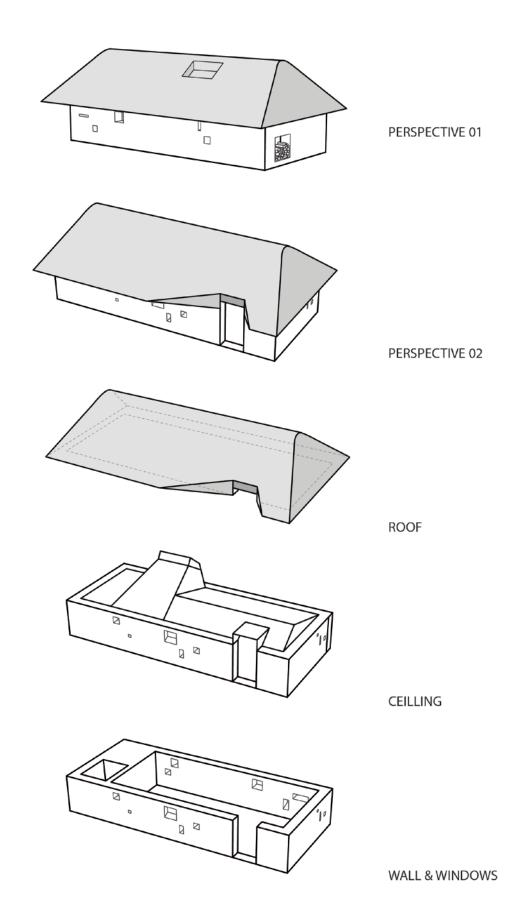
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Ideas for an irregular roof plan married to a regular wall plan



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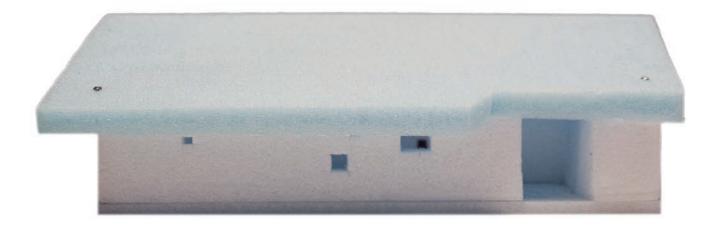
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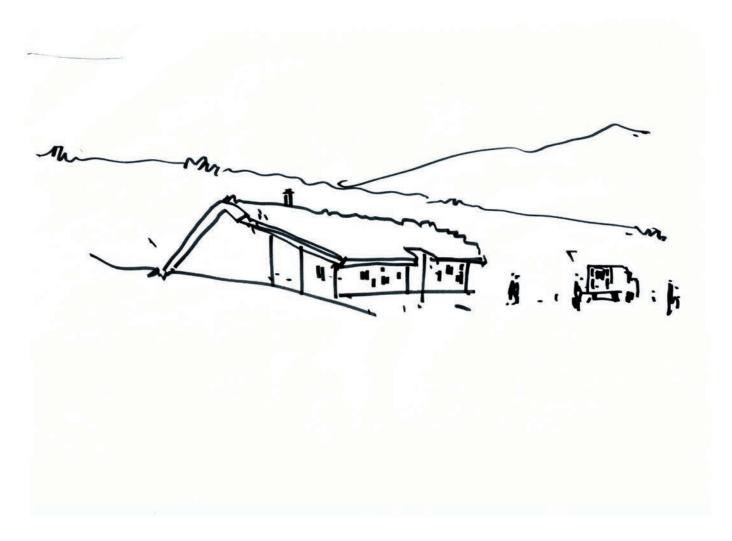
regular plan form and regular roof form - using the blackhouse typology?

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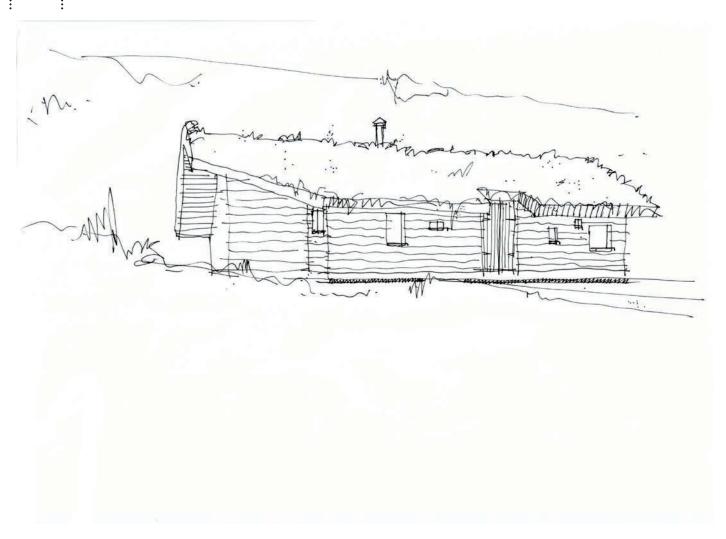


The chosen approach to the design - combining a 'thick' planted roof with a stepped plan and informally placed windows



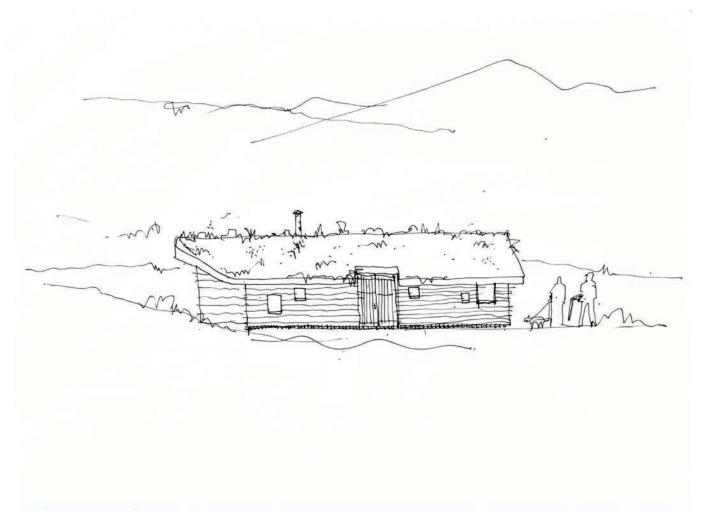
roof as extension of surrounding topography, stepping to admit light / floow the plan form of the walls below



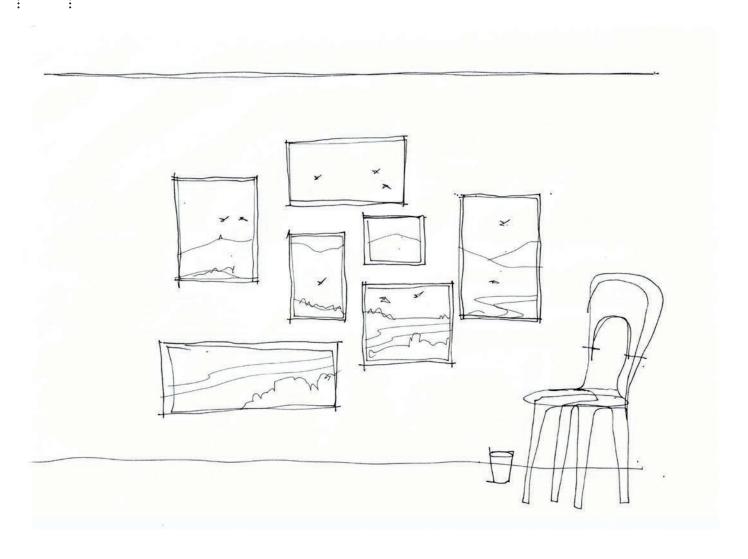


The eaves level is brought as low as possible so the roof becomes dominant feature of building, but planted with identical species to surrounding moor to dramatically soften the visual impact of the structure as compared to the current permitted scheme.

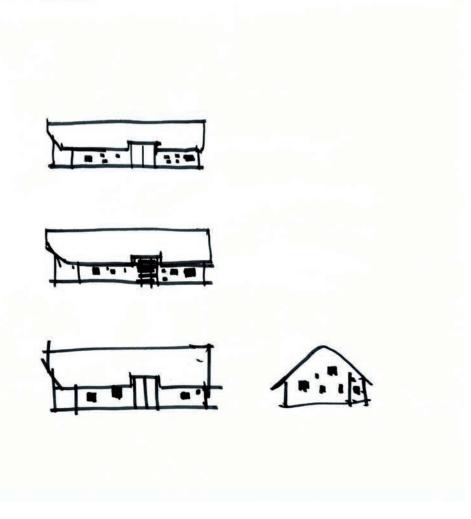




The building is invisible from many directions, or otherwise deceptively small in appearance - timber clad walls recede beneath the large overhanging eaves.



Large windows will be prohibitively expensive [and would require substantial frames to withstand wind forces] - instead areas of glazing would be provided through a playful composition of fixed double glazed units built into the fabric of the walls.



Paradoxically a playful / informal layout of windows has required careful iterative development in order to get it looking right.





From: Katherine Donnachie <katherinedonnachie@cairngorms.co.uk>

Sent: 07 January 2014 16:46

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Subject: 2013/0017/DET: Invercauld Lunch Hut, Glen Gairn

Dear Ben

I refer to our meeting this afternoon regarding the above. As discussed in general terms I would welcome the suggestion of a revised design which set out to reflect the surrounding landscape, using for example turf roof, shingle walls and randomly set windows with a curving feel to the roof. I would be happy to comment further on any initial sketches and from what we discussed it would seem that this may be a material change to the original application requiring submission of a fresh application for consideration. Such an application should be accompanied by suitable environmental information (otter survey etc) as per the original case.

I hope these brief comments together with the copy of our Landscape Advisor's original comments are of some assistance to you meantime and I look forward to hearing from you in due course once you have further considered options. As discussed there may be some ideas on our website relating to our design awards of interest on this link below

http://cairngorms.co.uk/park-authority/planning/design/

Please be advised these are initial informal comments only, made without prejudice to the full and proper consideration of any application submitted

Yours sincerely

Katherine Donnachie

feedback from CNPA planner following meeting in Grantown on Spey 7th January 2014



images developed subsequent to CNPA meeting



