
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

**Title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 –
RESPONSES TO NEW SITES CONSULTATION**

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Purpose of Report

To update the Planning Committee on responses to the Post Main Issues Report New Sites Consultation and to seek direction on how to respond to them in the Proposed Local Development Plan.

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee:

- i. Note the summary of responses to the New Sites Consultation, as outlined in Appendix I; and**
- ii. Agree the recommendations for each of the sites in Appendix I to provide direction on the content of the Proposed Local Development Plan**

Background

1. Planning authorities in Scotland are required by law to publish a Local Development Plan (LDP) for their area. In line with current legislation, the LDP must be kept up-to-date and reviewed at least every five years. The current LDP for the Cairngorms National Park was adopted in 2015 and must therefore be replaced in 2020.
2. The process for producing the new LDP includes a number of stages of consultation. The first of these was a public consultation on the Main Issues Report (MIR), which took place from November 2017 to March 2018. A large number of responses were submitted to the MIR consultation, including a number of new site proposals that were not included as options in the MIR. The Planning Committee considered the MIR responses in June 2018 and identified a small number of the new site proposals as potentially appropriate for inclusion in the new LDP. A further focussed consultation was therefore undertaken to seek public views on these new site proposals from 13 August to 21 September 2018.
3. This report includes a summary of the responses to the New Sites Consultation and seeks direction on how they should be used to inform the Proposed Local Development Plan.

Summary of Consultation Responses and Approach to Proposed LDP

4. The New Sites Consultation was publicised through the local press and via the CNPA's website and social media. A total of 72 formal responses were received to the consultation from a range of organisations and private individuals¹.
5. Appendix I provides a summary of the consultation responses, organised by site. It also provides a discussion on the comments received and sets out recommendations on how the Proposed LDP should be developed having regard to the consultation responses.
6. For the most part, it is recommended that the sites outlined in the New Sites Consultation should be included in the Proposed LDP.
7. However, some changes are recommended in response to the consultation comments. The most significant changes are:
 - i. To not allocate the site on Frank Spaven Drive in Aviemore for community uses and to retain it as a protected open space (this essentially maintains the position of the 2015 Local Development Plan)
 - ii. To allocate a smaller extension to the existing T1 (Landmark) site in Carr-Bridge than that shown in the New Sites Consultation

Next Steps

8. Subject to Committee approval, the recommendations in Appendix I will be used to inform the Proposed LDP. The Proposed LDP will be presented to the CNPA Board for consideration and approval before being published for a further period of public consultation. It is currently anticipated that the Proposed LDP will be presented to the Board in December 2018 with consultation taking place during early 2019.
9. Following the consultation, the Proposed LDP will be submitted for Examination. The Examination will be undertaken by a Reporter appointed by Scottish Ministers, who will consider any outstanding objections to the Proposed LDP. At the end of the process the Reporter will publish an Examination Report, which will set out a list of any recommended modifications to the Proposed LDP. The CNPA must then make these modifications before adopting the final version of the LDP.

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Appendices

- I. Summary of Responses and Recommended Actions

¹ Copies of the consultation responses, redacted to remove personal information, will be made available online.