

AGENDA ITEM 7

APPENDIX 3

2019/0289/DET

OBJECTION

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Dear Madam/Sir

2019/0293/DET: Upgrade of private way - track A (retrospective) Land At Glenbeg Estate
2019/0289/DET | Upgrade of existing private way for forestry and agriculture use in
retrospect (Track B - 2 of 2) | Upper Craggan Glenbeg Road Grantown-on-spey Highland
PH26 3NT

BSCG objects to aspects of these applications and urges the CNPA to ensure that high standards are achieved on the ground.

We request the opportunity to address the Board when these applications are determined.

BSCG is concerned that high standards of tracks should be required in the National Park. It is disappointing that these applications are retrospective and we welcome that the CNPA have called the applications in.

We are concerned that the track width should not exceed 3m; and there should be a central vegetated strip of minimum width 0.75m. We welcome that the applicant's drawings show 3m track width and we are concerned that the CNPA ensures that this is achieved on the ground.

We are concerned that the scale of the drainage ditches as shown in the drawings, which appear to be about 2m wide at their widest, may be excessive.

We are concerned about the arrangements for controlling silt in the Glenbeg Burn which is part of the River Spey & Tributaries SAC. Such arrangements need to be designed to take account of more extreme weather that can be anticipated with climate change; and designed so that their maintenance is realistic in the long term.

We note that the qualifying species of the SAC, as well as other species, can be sensitive to habitat impacts, including pollution. We are concerned that risks of adverse impacts to such sensitive species are fully addressed.

Much of the woodland near the Glenbeg Burn is of high naturalness, supports native species including birch and aspen, and is classed as ancient woodland of semi-natural origin. We are concerned that landscape impacts should be kept to a minimum.

Yours sincerely

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Convener