

# AGENDA ITEM 5

## APPENDIX I

2015/0075/DET

## REPRESENTATIONS

**From:**Tony HARRIS  
**Sent:**16 Apr 2015 19:39:33 +0100  
**To:**Planning  
**Subject:**Retention of track ref: 20150075DET near Birch Cottage

Planning ref: 20150075DET ( retention of track )

Dear Sir / Madam

Re our phone conversation of this morning 16th April 2015, I would like to register my opposition to the application of the forestry commission to retain the construction access track and bridge from the Beauty to Denny power line..

Under the original planning agreement for the power lines it was stated that all tracks and works would be reinstated, unfortunately I am unable to view the full planning application submitted by the forestry commission but after the phone conversation with the parks planning office where the conditions of the application were explained to me I would question what the benefits of retaining the track and bridge are? I believe it is stated by the commission that it would promote access for tourists to the area? I would point out that the walking tracks in the area have not only been carved up by the pylon construction but also have mostly been blocked by wind blow trees for over three years since the storm of Nov 2011..

I would also question how a huge bridge which is able to accommodate large construction machines and HGV vehicles yet which leads to nowhere and does not connect to any existing walking trails will promote tourism? However it is within sight of the main road..

I believe that they wish to retain this track and bridge and possibly the other tracks and bridges in the area for future works or developments and therefor I believe it is not in the interest to either the environment of the national park or in the interest of tourism or more importantly of the people who live in the area to retain these Scars on the landscape..

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you and please do not to hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance..

Regards

Tony Harris

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**From:** Sara Cockburn [mailto:SCockburn@savills.com]  
**Sent:** 07 April 2015 14:47  
**To:** Matthew Taylor  
**Subject:** 2015/0075/DET

Good afternoon Matthew,

I am contacting you with regard to planning application 2015/0075/DET for the retention of a section of track and a water crossing which was constructed as part of the Beaully to Denny works. Savills is the Agent for this application which we submitted on behalf of Forestry Commission Scotland. I understand you are the Planning Officer for this application.

I refer to the letter dated 20 March 2015 from the CNPA Planning Support Team which states that this application has been called in by the CNPA and that the opportunity to address the Planning Committee can be requested in writing.

I am therefore writing to request the opportunity to address the Planning Committee (date to be confirmed) in support of this application, on behalf of the Forestry Commission Scotland.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any further information regarding this application.

Kind regards

Sara

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**From:**Matthew Taylor  
**Sent:**7 Jul 2015 09:47:33 +0100  
**To:**Planning  
**Subject:**FW: Application by Forestry Commission to retain track and bridge

**From:** Jo Cumming [<mailto:>   
**Sent:** 08 April 2015 12:04  
**To:** Adam Streeter-Smith  
**Subject:** Fwd: Application by Forestry Commission to retain track and bridge

Please support FCS and to avoid accidents on the A86 and our kissing gate being wasted

Regards, Jo

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Jo Cumming**   
**Date:** 8 April 2015 at 11:37  
**Subject:** Application by Forestry Commission to retain track and bridge  
**To:** [deidrestraw@cairngorms.co.uk](mailto:deidrestraw@cairngorms.co.uk)

Attn: Mrs Straw

I read in the Strathie last week that the CNPA has called in an application by the Forestry Commission for the retention of a piece of track and bridge crossing over the River Pattack originally constructed as part of the Beaully-Denny power line upgrade. This crosses the river 690 metres south of Birch Cottage, Kinlochlaggan.

As Chair of the Cairngorms Revolt Against Pylons, along with the Park, I vehemently opposed the pylons. However, since they were imposed on us all, now they are here we need to benefit as much as possible.

The bridge is used by walkers, especially those doing the East Highland Way who contribute to the local and Park economy. You may not be familiar with the area but the bridge acts as the only safe way of walkers avoiding the very dangerous bends on the A86 between Loch Laggan and Feagour. The road is not wide enough for walkers to use a verge safely, in particular when 2 buses or heavy lorries pass each other.

2 years ago Adam Streeter-Smith for the CNPA negotiated with FCS and Ardverikie Estate for the construction of a kissing-gate between the two estates. This was built by Laggan Forest Trust as our contribution to safe passage for walkers in our community.

Please agree to the retention of the bridge.

Regards, Jo Cumming

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