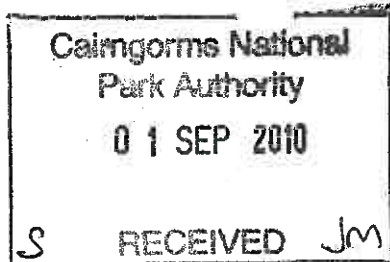


APPENDIX 2

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESPONSE
FROM THE APPLICANT (30 AUGUST 2010)**

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30th August 2010

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Ref 10/186/CP

Dear Ms Grier

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A HOUSE ON LAND 285 METRES TO THE NORTH WEST OF AILANBEG LODGE, NETHY BRIDGE

Thank you for your letter of 16th of July 2010.

We are writing to you in support of our application for the above outline planning.

According to the Current local plan from Strathspey & Badenoch it says that exceptions shall only be made where:

1. It is essential for the management of land,
2. Related family and occupational reasons.

We feel that number 2 is where our case lies.

The site we have chosen is on my father's farm where I have helped out since I was old enough to do so. Granted this is not my full time occupation, but my father works for the council and in the winter drives a snow plough putting in long hours. I am doing most of his work at this time as he can be away for 75% of the day. This consists of putting in approximately 2 hours per day during the winter months. In the summer months most of the work I do is carried out at the weekends apart from the busier times such as lambing and silage making when the hours are a lot longer.

The farm itself is in 3 parts. Lurg Farm and two registered crofts Balno and Knock of Ailan. Approx 1400 acres in all. It carries 400 sheep and 70 cows and followers. This is all worked in partnership – there being two partners my father and his brother. With so many animals to feed in the winter, most of them wintered outside this is too much for one person, therefore my help is needed.

I take no wage from the farm as it has always been understood I'd get a small plot to build a house there to enable me to be closer at hand.


As for the site, it is on the croft (Balno) and there is good access to the plot, the ground itself being very rocky and of no use for crops or grazing. Currently the track supports the traffic going to 3 other properties 1 of which is a holiday let.

We hope that you will look sympathetically on our case and acknowledge the fact that we simply want to come home to live and work. I will eventually work the croft when it comes time for my father to retire and I have a lot to learn before I can take it over properly and the only way I can do that is by living and working here especially as farming is not a 9 to 5 business.

We also hope that you will look on our case sympathetically as regards putting a Section 75 onto the application if we are successful, as from what we have managed to learn the banks are not willing to give mortgages on properties with a Section 75 attached. We understand from previous applications that the National Park is trying to come to an agreement with the banks but hopefully until this is sorted out there will not be a Section 75 attached.

This has been our dream for a long time now and hopefully you will look favourably on our application and help make this happen.

Yours sincerely



Miss K Smith
Mr A Shaw