

AGENDA ITEM 12

APPENDIX I

2014/0309/DET

REPRESENTATIONS

Comments for Planning Application APP/2014/3483

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/2014/3483

Address: Glenshee Chairlift Braemar Aberdeenshire AB35 5XU

Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Louise Smith

Customer Details

Name: Mr Graeme Berry

Address: 24 Jessie Street Blairgowrie

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Will improve the customer experience (potentially year round?) by improving access and reducing queue times, thus attracting more visitors to the area and increasing economic activity. Also sends a very positive message regarding the Scottish ski industry, building on positive press and visitor experience in recent years.

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Address: Glenshee Chairlift Braemar Aberdeenshire AB35 5XU

Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Cameron Martindale

Address: 10/4 Arthurstone Terrace Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The current chairlift in situ on this part of the Glenshee ski area is 52 years old. It is really coming to the end of its life and must be replaced by more efficient, more modern equipment. Glenshee Ltd's business (which contributes to millions of pounds a year in the Scottish Ski Industry) could be seriously harmed if this planning application is rejected as over time this part of the ski area would have to be closed for good as the cost of operating the current chairlift rises above and beyond economic. The current chairlift needs replaced and it needs replaced now.

Given the current use for this particular area and the design of this particular chairlift I have strong doubt that the erection of a replacement chairlift would result in any additional harm to the area both ecologically and aesthetically. Certainly significantly less than any alternative, such as a Funicular railway.

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Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Anthony Boffey

Address: 6Clarence Road Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Current chair is old and not highly rated re safety. It is also slow

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Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr David Boffey

Address: 65 Emmock woods drive dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Dear CNP board

I wish to register my support for the proposed Tiger chair replacement at Glenshee Ski Centre

This development is much needed as lift capacity in this part of the hill has been reduced considerably since the loss of thunderbolt many years ago , also from a safe / efficient running perspective the old chair does not have an infinite lifespan

With regard to comments around the visual impact of the new chair , I can't see this being an issue given the already vast amount of infrastructure in place at present

Please help secure the future and sustainability of the resort by approving the application

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Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr callum hay

Address: 13 Horologe Hill ARBROATH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

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Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Darren hepburn

Address: rosount cottage bogside road Coupar Angus

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I use this area in for my working environment and any improvements that can be utilised to update the area are welcomed by myself and my working colleagues.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Nicole Jones

Address: 5 rossiebank crescent kirriemuir

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Investment in Scotland's ski industry infrastructure will not only bring jobs to the area short term, but tourist £s long term supporting local businesses and bringing more people to the area from further afield as Glenshee's reputation grows as a full fledged resort.

Also there are many uses in the summer season to bring in revenue...

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Lee livingston

Address: 25 Larch Street Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would very much like to see Glenshee upgrade and continue to be the front runner in the best winter/summer sport location in Scotland.

I would be very happy to see this upgrade for the general public including myself a keen mountain bike/snowboard participant.

Regards

Lee Livingston

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Tim McGregor

Address: 27 Hathaway Lane Glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Replacement of the existing chairlift will have no appreciable detrimental effect on the local environment and is a boost for Scotland's winter sports industry (among others).

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Colin Murray

Address: 21 Cedar Place Perth

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The Glenshee ski centre is in my mind the best in Scotland but the Cairnwell chairlift is in dire need of replacement.

Refusal of this application would be a backward step given the potential to develop the site.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Duncan Sewell

Address: 1 Marywell Lane Midmar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is a great proposal that should be approved to help sustain this extremely important business. I fully support the development and all at Glenshee Ski Centre who work tirelessly to run a business in the most difficult circumstances. I would actually be disgusted if the NPA were to reject this application.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr James Sorrie

Address: 54 Dunnichen rd, Kingsmuir Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The current tiger chairlift is old and worn to the point of being dangerous. A new chairlift would be a great investment for scottish skiing, being a confidence booster to newer skiers and make more experienced skiers feel more positive about taking to the hill. All in all it would be a positive step forward for Glenshee to take and I know myself and friends would be much more likely to ski there on a more regular basis with the installation of a new lift.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Sean Stone

Address: Rosewood 1 Balgownie Farm Eassie

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This project is a sorely needed upgrade to the existing facilities and is an important modernising step to help keep the site competitive, securing much needed employment. Sport and exercise are key to the health of the nation; keeping outdoor sports alive is an essential part of keeping Scotland healthy.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Murray Thomson

Address: 29 Archers Avenue Stirling

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The snowsports industry is one which supports many jobs both directly and indirectly during the quiet tourist off season. The continuation of this industry relies on the renewal and improvement of facilities at the 5 Scottish resorts. Without improvement the availability of cheap flights to Europe will result in a slow degradation of the industry.

The price we pay for this industry is a small visual impact on 5 areas of hillside. But as well as jobs this gives snowsports enthusiasts like myself a great deal of active enjoyment of the Scottish hills.

The proposal of replace the Tiger Chairlift at Glenshee with a modern replacement is a very sensible plan. It will create only very slightly more visual impact than the current chairlift while having a dramatic impact on the visitor experience, both during the summer and winter.

This year-round facility will increase the financial security of the ski centre which will ensure those all important winter jobs are there year after year.

In summary investment in our snowsports industry should be supported as an important way to bring visitors into an area and ensure people stay in or visit Scotland to Ski and Snowboard. Glenshee have shown themselves to be very forward thinking in their investment and this application is a continuation of that process, one which I trust the Authority will support.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr scott Wilson

Address: 2/1 10 bower street glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support this proposal. It improves the current facilities by replacing the existing lift.

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Address: Glenshee Chairlift Braemar Aberdeenshire AB35 5XU

Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Dr Robert Shaw

Address: 61 Victoria Park Drive North Glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Apologies if you have 2 letters from myself: the website times out the 1st time I tried.

I cannot see any reason that the above application should be challenged.

This represents a direct replacement of a decaying piece of ski infrastructure with a modern chairlift.

To my understanding, the replacement will reduce both carbon emissions in the local area due to it being electrically (albeit from a diesel generator) powered and also significantly reduce small particulate emissions in the local area by dispensing with the frankly ancient diesel drive engine. The fumes really do resemble a 1930s coal power station when it's running.

I feel to reject this proposal would threaten the viability of the business. I understand it is likely - if this replacement does not go ahead - that the existing chairlift will have to be decommissioned within the next few years. This would result in a major reduction in access to challenging terrain at the Glenshee Ski Area. One need only look a few miles north at Cairngorm to see what effect such lift removal has on the attitudes of intermediate and advanced skiers to a ski area. Whilst this group do not form the majority of people on the hill each day in winter, they undoubtedly form the majority of repeat return visitors which is the core part of any business such as this.

Importantly, one must realise the significant part Glenshee plays in the off-season economy in Braemar, the Spital of Glenshee and Blairgowrie. Additionally, a more modern chairlift is likely to attract more visitors in the summer peak season both in the form of tourists and mountain bikers.

Lastly, it seems obvious to me that aesthetically, a replacement chairlift will have no significant

negative impact on The Cairnwell. The proposed top station will be smaller than the recently demolished stone shed. It will also sit less than 200metres from a large mast and a monstrous Vodafone owned building.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Dr. David Horsley

Address: 4 Denend Cottages Ellon

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: A very good project, that will much improve the facilities of the ski area as the old 1 man chair in the area is/was getting old and a bottleneck wrt uplift on busy days. A new modern 3 man chair will be a great improvement.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Jamie Johnston

Address: 19/5 Simpson Loan Edinburgh

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This application for the direct replacement of a key piece of ageing infrastructure (the Cairnwell Chairlift) represents what I consider to be an important development for the Glenshee ski centre. It is an investment for the future: its realisation will be a great boon for the local economy, and will continue to encourage participation by tens if not hundreds of thousands of people each year in healthy outdoor activity.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: mr mark flattry

Address: 1 viewpark cotages gardners lane dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Mike Building

Address: 3 Fulton Rd Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Mike Wilkes

Address: 2/10 10 Havannah Street Glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support this development. This lift is in dire need of replacement and will help the centre out dramatically. Making it a 3 seat chair rather than a 1 seater will drastically cut down queueing times, which is desperately needed on busy days. Also for the modernisation of ski resorts in Scotland, a new lift will show that the ski industry is still moving forward and not dying out. And remember this is a REPLACEMENT of an already standing lift, to object on the grounds of an eyesore or so forth is totally irrational. I am fully against developments that cause damage to wildlife or natural fauna (e.g. An Camus Mor) but I firmly believe wildlife and plant life will not be damaged in the replacement of this lift. Also if Cairngorm are allowed to go through with replacing the Sheiling tow with a rope tow (which is a lift replacement) then I do not see how this can be denied? This lift is vital in attracting more skiers to the Cairngorm region, especially beginners, and is vital for the continued modernisation and success of Glenshee Ski Centre.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: mr JOHN MITCHELL

Address: 58A COURT STREET NORTH DUNDEE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Will be a boost to Scottish skiing and snowboarding ,and much needed to bring Glen Shee up to date with other Scottish resorts . yours ,A very happy snowboarder

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Alastair Munro

Address: 12 12 Raeden avenue Aberdeen

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is an iconic ski lift which I first used 35 years ago, I fully support its replacement to continue the expansion of snowsports in Scotland.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Neil Brown

Address: 33 Torbay Road Manchester

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I grew up racing at Glenshee and this development should come just in time for me to encourage more frequent trips back with my children. Capacity at weekends is very short and this development would increase the attraction of visiting Glenshee in the winter enormously.

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Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Robert Upton

Address: Auchendryne Lodge 8 Auchendryne Square Braemar, Aberdeenshire

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: There are only 5 ski centres in Scotland. I recall the proposal to develop a new centre on Ben Wyvis in the 80's - it was rejected and any such future developments are unlikely to be either economically viable or permitted on environmental grounds. There are 10's of thousands of skiers in Scotland. That is evidenced by the saturation use at weekends when conditions are "full". On two occasions last winter car parking was unavailable at Glenshee and I was told that people were hiking up from close to the Spittal. So, without doubt, the demand for our Scottish ski centres exists from both locals, natives of Scotland, and visitors from further afield.

Skiing is a non-exclusive means that allows many people to experience the unique qualities of the Scottish high country in Winter. As an undergraduate, I used to take the train upto Aviemore, load in the pack with Crampons into the Central Cairngorms and experience this sense of wilderness. I was a young man with skills - your John from Glasgae cannot, and should not, do this. Access via the ski-tows is a means by which thousands of people a year experience this unique perspective on the country we live in.

Replacing the Tiger Lift is central to retaining one of the five key ski centres. The Economic benefit to the Braemar community is critical. In my view, no detriment to the environment is likely. As someone who regularly ski's at Glenshee the denial of this application would be a nail in the coffin of this centre and serve no benefit to nature or the community below. This lift is key to the continued viability of skiing at Glenshee, the economic vitality of the area and to the enjoyment of the Highlands by ordinary people. Please permit this planning application.

Regards - Bob Upton BSc

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Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Tim Williams

Address: 20 Lea Yield Close Bournville Birmingham

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:As a regular visitor to the Glenshee ski area, I would like to voice my support for this application. Renewal and upgrade of the lift infrastructure at Glenshee is long overdue and this is a very welcome development which I hope will be approved in a timely fashion.

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Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: White Benjamin White

Address: 1 South Glassmount Cottages Kircaldy

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This development is really a terrific idea. It will allow Glenshee ski resort to continue providing a great service for many years to come. It will allow more people to access a good area of the mountain that has previously been a bottle neck.

Obviously expansion of the ski area creates new environmental problems so to increase the capacity of the ski resort within the current area is a great solution. The fact the Chairlift is simply replacing an existing lift means that visual problems will be negligible.

This lift will be a great addition to Scottish tourism and the Scottish Economy

Benjamin White

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Dr Charles Cook

Address: Bridgefoot Cottage Old Rayne Inch

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this application since it will replace the existing single-chair Tiger chairlift. I feel it will not have a detrimental affect visually since a chairlift already exists in the same location.

It will enhance the skiing experience and GlenShee and thus have a positive effect on the local economy of the area.

Deirdre Straw

From: Deirdre Straw
Sent: 22 October 2014 12:35
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Comments for Planning Application 2014/0309/DET

Categories: For Dee, Contributions

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2014 12:16
To: Deirdre Straw
Subject: Re: Comments for Planning Application 2014/0309/DET

Hi,

User of glenshee and feel it will improve the customer experience. Current chair is badly needing replaced. Also feel it will enable them to improve the summer offering

Regards

Mark

Sent from my HTC

----- Reply message -----

From: "Deirdre Straw" <DeirdreStraw@cairngorms.co.uk>

[REDACTED]
<katherinedonnachie@cairngorms.co.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application 2014/0309/DET
Date: Wed, Oct 22, 2014 10:21 am

Dear Sir

**Comments for Planning Application 2014/0309/DET
Glenshee Chairlift, Braemar, Aberdeenshire, AB355XU**

Thank you for your representation dated 20 October, 2014, on the above application. In order for us to register this as a valid representation, can you provide your reasons for supporting this application.

Please get in touch if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Dee,
Planning Support Officer.

Dee Straw

Support Officer
Cairngorms National Park Authority
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Deirdre Straw

From: Mike McKenna [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2014 10:43
To: Deirdre Straw
Subject: Re: Comments for Planning Application 2014/0309/DET

Hi Deirdre,
My apologies for not detailing my reasons before.

The new chairlift would help help the resort combat very large queues during the busiest winter periods. Unfortunately queues are one of the most cited reasons for a reduced enjoyment/experience of the resort by visitors, especially visitors from further afield. While resorts like Cairngorm mountain (aviemore) benefit from very generous public funding enabling them to finance their funicular railway to combat the queueing problem, Glenshee Chairlift Company enjoys no such luxury so its all the more important (and impressive) that they try to develop responses themselves. I presume any further environmental impact (than the antiquated single seated chairlift) already in place), will be negligible on the 10-ish days per ski season where queueing presents a real problem and that Glenshee chairlift company will contribute to any additional environmental repair initiative required. I'm therefore fully supportive of this initiative to help the resort provide a better experience to visitors and stay competitive in the Scottish winter sports market, and I hope the planning board will be too. As an ex-employee, who still helps out from time to time, I'm well aware what an important role the company and resort play in the wider community as an employer and provider of healthy leisure pursuits to name only a few of the relevant benefits.

Hope this helps!

Kind regards,
Mike McKenna

On Oct 22, 2014 10:23 AM, "Deirdre Straw" <DeirdreStraw@cairngorms.co.uk> wrote:

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Dee,

Planning Support Officer.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Stuart Alexander

Address: 92A High Street Stonehaven

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Access to the summit of the Cairnwell is a key part of snowsports at Glenshee. Since the loss of the T-bar on the same hill capacity has been significantly reduced. The ability to reach the summit opens up a large area of terrain on both sides which would help to ease congestion at busy times. Currently this slope and area is underused due to the inadequate uplift and the investment would be a welcome addition to Glenshee's offering. This replacement lift should be seen as having minimal impact to the existing visual landscape and environmental situation. The slope is close to the A93 so additional traffic is not likely to have material consequences for wildlife and the altitude is not so susceptible to the short growing season as for example the Glas Maol area.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Gordon Mann

Address: 17B Brougham Road Portsmouth

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Skiing in Scotland is of huge economic benefit to the UK, Scotland and the small towns and villages which surround our ski resorts. Some studies indicate that skiing generates £4 in the community for each £1 spent on the hill.

Glenshee, like other ski resorts, has found times tough recently. A series of poor winters coupled with aggressive pricing from tour operators offering Alpine experiences for the price of a Scottish season ticket, came close to ending professional skiing in Scotland. Thankfully, the Directors at Glenshee are resilient folks.

Recent winters have been broadly favourable, whilst households find disposable income less easy to spare for luxuries such as skiing. There is momentum in the industry and just in time too. The uplift mechanism is in desperate need of repair and/or replacement. Glenshee lead the way in this regard. With careful environmental assessment, they intend to replace surface uplift with overground variants to minimise impact on areas of natural conservation. In doing so, they will stimulate customers and thus support the economic upturn; all whilst improving safety.

I urge you to swiftly approve this installation to benefit the land (this triple chair restores uplift capacity lost when a surface lift was removed on the same face) and skiers whilst enhancing the reputation of Scotland as a genuine holiday destination for skiers.

Comments for Planning Application 2014/0309/DET

Application Summary

Application Number: 2014/0309/DET

Address: Glenshee Chairlift Braemar Aberdeenshire AB35 5XU

Proposal: Installation of Replacement Chairlift

Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr Stephen Speirs

Address: 35 Calderglen Avenue Blantyre

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is an important development to ensure that Glenshee survives and thrives. While this chair is bigger (3 person versus current 1 person) than the chair it replaces, I would hope you recognise that it's a replacement, not a completely new development. A nice modern high tech chair lift will look way better than a weathered deteriorating old chair lift. By attracting more visitors, both in winter and summer, this will have definite positive benefit to the local economy, and open up the beauty of our mountain scenery to people who are unable to climb - in this sense this will be a very inclusive development. Without such developments in all Scottish ski centres, they are likely to decline and become extinct! So please approve this application.

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Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details

Name: Mr John Baxter

Address: 101 Yorkhill St Glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support the application as the replacement lift would enhance the skier/visitor experience without increasing visual intrusion.

Modern chairlifts are more comfortable and safer to use and the new lift would replace the old single seat chairlift plus the old 2-person T-Bar that used to serve the same slope.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Mark Crighton

Address: 7 Charlotte Street Perth

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: A much needed improvement to an already popular sports tourism attraction. It is imperative that progress is promoted within the Scottish winter sports industry to continue the recent upward trend in facilities.