

CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

Title: Core Paths Plan review update

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Purpose This paper sets out the work to date on the informal review of the Core Paths Plan.

Advice Sought

No specific advice is being sought but comments from the Forum are welcome.

Background

1. At the May meeting of the Forum, members advised the CNPA that the current objectives of the Core Paths Plan were “fit for purpose” for assessing amendments to the existing plan. This was subject to a minor change to Objective B which was changed as follows: *to help those living and working on the land to accommodate access.*
2. At the CNP Planning Representatives Network meeting on 30th May 2012, planning representatives from all the Community Councils and associations met to discuss the informal review of the Local Development Plan and Core Paths Plan. After that meeting settlement maps and wider area maps, with existing core paths, have been sent out to each Community Council with questions relating to matters such as settlement boundaries and potential development sites. The following question has been posed as part of that review:

Does the core path network still meet your requirements and make sense? Are there gaps in the network you would seek to address? If so please mark these on the map.

3. Once Park Authority staff has collated the response to that question each amendment will be assessed against the revised objectives. Those that meet the revised objectives will be taken forward to the formal review in Spring 2013.
4. Advice from the Form on these amendments and those identified during the formal consultation will be sought in the spring of 2013.

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