## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

**APPENDIX 4** 

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REPRESENTATIONS OBJECTION

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## Dear Ed

2020/0081/DET | Retention of ten wigwam accommodation units | Speyside Trust Badaguish Outdoor Centre Glenmore Aviemore Highland PH22 1QU

BSCG objects to the above planning application. We request the opportunity to address the committee when this application is determined.

We are aware that this application is for the retention of 10 accommodation cabins that have been on the site for some years.

The Speyside Trust have had ample time to comply with conditions. We do not consider that providing an extra 3 years is acceptable.

It is difficult to see how the reasons provided for needing three further years (lack of funds and run down appearance of the site) would not apply in three years time.

We consider the scale of consented accommodation at Badaguish is excessive and there is no justification for retaining this scale, especially in present circumstances and given the proximity to sensitive designated sites.

The persistent demonstrable failure of the applicant to comply with the Visitor Management Plan v5 (as required under conditions) adds to the justification for reducing the scale of consented accommodation at Badaguish.

It is of particular concern to BSCG that the planning conditions relating to capercaillie conservation appear to have been treated with contempt by the Trust. As the CNPA should be well aware, the notices advising people to stay on designated routes were erected the evening prior to the Board's site visit, were erected complete with a spelling error that remains uncorrected to the present day, with some signage of poor quality, and in the wrong orientation such that the paths that the notices appear to refer to are the

paths within the 35 wigwam and mountain bike course area. It is the paths that are outwith the Badaguish site, in the surrounding Glenmore Forest that the signage should refer to.

We note that SNH's view to development at Badaguish as expressed in 2015 was based on the detail of the applicant's Visitor Management Plan (v5) being adhered to. Without mitigation SNH identified likely significant impacts on the integrity of the SPA.

Yours sincerely

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Convener