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I am Martin Ashdown of The Firs, Khantore, Crathle, Ballater, AB35 5TJ

Please note that I wish to object to the erection of the above for the following reason;

Use of the footbridge will potentially lead to human access to sections of the rivers Gairn and Dee that are currently not accessible, and thus there is potential for disturbance of the flora and fauna in these sections.

In addition, I believe that we should not be creating instances of further human disturbance in the said area, we should be minimising impact if not reducing it, rather than increasing it. There is a well established path linking the old line road and polhollick bridge, thus the path that requires the said footbridge is not needed (because the new proposed path goes along the two river sections the potential disturbance would be a newly introduced one).

I do not accept the argument suggesting that the aforementioned path is unacceptably potentially hazardous owing to having to carry out a number of road crossings. Low traffic volume and good visibility at the crossing points mean that making a crossing is not an unacceptably potentially hazardous undertaking.

Thank you, Martin Ashdown

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