
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: POST COMMITTEE UPDATE – APPLICATION FOR DETAILED PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 42 (2018/0140/DET) BROOMHILL QUARRY, DULNAIN BRIDGE, GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY

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Recommendation

That the Planning Committee agree to refuse planning permission unless the associated restoration bond is secured by 26 July 2019.

Reason for recommendation

1. The Planning Committee agreed to approve the above application at its meeting on 17 August 2018 subject to conditions and a restoration bond (<https://cairngorms.co.uk/resource/docs/boardpapers/17082018/Item6AABroomhillQuarry20180140DET.pdf>).
2. Since then there have been ongoing discussions between the operator and CNPA on the provision of a suitable restoration bond so the formal decision notice has not yet been issued. Officers had expected the matters to be concluded quickly and have given oral updates to Planning Committee over the past months. We continue to expect this matter to be concluded soon as the operator has indicated they will provide a cash bond to the CNPA, which may be completed before this Committee Meeting.
3. However, as the matter has drawn out over a number of months, officers now consider it appropriate to ask the Planning Committee to provide extra weight to draw matters to conclusion and allow the formal decision notice to be issued. We therefore request that the Planning Committee agree that unless the restoration bond and legal agreement are secured by 26 July 2019 (four weeks from this Planning Committee Meeting), the CNPA will refuse the application and take any enforcement action necessary.

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