

## CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

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**Title:** Core Paths Plan Update

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to update the Forum on progress of the core paths planning process.

### **Recommendations**

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**That the forum:**

- a) Notes progress that has been made to date;
- b) Notes the dates of the upcoming core paths planning events
- c) Gives consideration to the sufficiency of the proposed consultations with the Forum.

### **Background**

1. Development of a Core Paths Plan for the Cairngorms National Park is a statutory duty for the Cairngorms National Park Authority. The Cairngorms Local Outdoor Access Forum is a statutory consultee on the Cairngorms Core Paths Plan. Development of the Core Paths Plan is currently at the first stage of public engagement. Information obtained at this stage will be used to develop selection criteria for core paths and will inform the application of these criteria.

### **Progress to date**

2. Much of the work to date has been planning and preparation for the different stages in the process as well as the preparation for the first round of engagement with the public.
3. This first stage of public engagement began in September and will run for three months until the end of November. The first two events to be held were workshops aimed at land managers and owners to enable them to find out more about core paths planning, how they can become engaged in the process and for the Park Authority staff to hear at first hand any concerns. These workshops have since been followed by community drop-in events in Ballater, Aviemore, Dinnet, Carr-Bridge, Kingussie, Nethy Bridge, Boat of Garten and Newtonmore to which all land managers have been invited along with the wider community. Attendees at the drop-in events have been asked to complete questionnaires and maps to give us an idea of the paths and types of activities that are important to them as well as telling us about their likes and dislikes in relation to their local path networks.
4. Attendance at each event has been variable, however, feedback has been positive for all events to date. Feedback reports for each event are being compiled and will be sent to local land owners, the community councils, those people who provided their contact details at the events and will also be available on the website.

### **Next Steps**

5. The public engagement period will run until the end of November. Results of the engagement are already being compiled in order to develop draft criteria for the selection of core paths. The draft selection criteria will be the subject of a workshop on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January when LOAF members and CNPA Board members will be given the opportunity to help finalise the selection criteria before an Interim Draft Core Paths Plan is drawn up. Details of this workshop will be sent out to Forum members in due course. A timetable of Core Paths Planning events is included in Annex 1.
6. Once the selection criteria are finalised the Interim Draft Core Paths Plan will be drawn up and will be the subject of an informal public consultation period during April, May and June 2007. The consultation will request that people comment on the core paths selection criteria and the way in which they have been applied. The Plan will then be revised accordingly and the Draft Core Paths Plan will be submitted to Scottish Ministers by February 2008 at which time it will be subject to a formal public consultation period.
7. As a statutory consultee on the Core Paths Plan, the LOAF need to give consideration to their input into both the informal and formal consultations. It is planned to hold a Forum meeting in November 2007 to allow a full discussion on the draft Core Paths Plan before it is submitted to the Park Authority Board. There will also be a requirement to have a further consultation with the Forum during the formal consultation period which will run for a 12 week period after February 2008.
8. **The Forum is asked to consider the sufficiency of these proposed consultations.**

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# ANNEX 1

## Core Paths Planning Timetable of Events 2006

This list of events is updated regularly. For more information about any of these events please contact us on 013397 53607 or email us at [outdooraccess@cairngorms.co.uk](mailto:outdooraccess@cairngorms.co.uk).

LAST UPDATED: 17 October 2006

Date	Location	Event	Venue	Time
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Coylumbridge	Workshop for Land Managers	Hilton, Coylumbridge	6:30pm to 8:30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Ballater	Workshop for Land Managers	Albert Memorial Hall, Station Square, Ballater	6:30pm to 8:30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Ballater	Ballater community drop-in session (part of a wider community event)	Victoria Hall, Station Square, Ballater	12pm to 4pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Aviemore	Aviemore, Rothiemurchus & Glenmore community drop-in session (part of a wider community event about a new primary school and community centre)	Cairngorm Hotel, Aviemore	2:30pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Dinnet	Mid-Deeside and Cromar community drop-in session	Dinnet Village Hall	2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Carrbridge	Cairngorms National Park Authority Core Paths Planning stall at World Porridge Making Championship	Carrbridge	10am to 3pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Kingussie	Kingussie community drop-in session	Youth Room, Badenoch Centre, Kingussie	2:30pm to 4pm

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Nethy Bridge	Nethy Bridge Community Drop-in Session	Community Centre	2:30pm to 4pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Boat of Garten	Boat of Garten community drop-in session	'Clubbie' room, Village Hall, Boat of Garten	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Nethy bridge	Nethy Bridge Community Drop-in Session	Explore Abernethy Room, Community Centre	5pm to 7pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Newtonmore	Newtonmore community drop-in session	Village Hall	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Kincraig	Kincraig and Insh community drop-in session	Village Hall	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Laggan	Laggan & Dalwhinnie community drop-in session	Laggan Village Hall	7pm to 9pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Grantown-on-Spey	Grantown-on-Spey community drop-in session	Inverallan Church Hall	5pm to 7pm
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Grantown-on-Spey	Grantown-on-Spey community drop-in session	Inverallan Church Hall	2:30pm to 4pm
Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> November (to be confirmed)	Braemar	Braemar & Crathie community drop-in session	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
Mid November (to be confirmed)	Dalnain Bridge	Dalnain Bridge and Skye of Curr community drop-in session	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Ballater	Workshop for recreational groups, bodies and individuals.	Victoria Hall, Ballater	6:30pm to 9pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Aviemore	Workshop for recreational groups, bodies and individuals.	Cairngorm Hotel, Aviemore	6:30pm to 9pm
To be confirmed	Angus Glens	to be confirmed	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
To be confirmed	Dalwhinnie	Dalwhinnie community drop-in session	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
To be confirmed	Glenlivet	Glenlivet community drop-in session	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
To be confirmed	Laggan	Laggan community drop-in session	to be confirmed	to be confirmed

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To be confirmed	Strathdon	Donside community drop-in session	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
To be confirmed	Tomintoul	Tomintoul Community Association meeting	to be confirmed	to be confirmed