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To: Sara Krawczynska
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Dear Sara

With reference to our telephone conversation we should like to make the following points :-

Our objection to the designation of H2 and H3 at Dalfaber Aviemore is based partly on the Gillespie Report and the CNPA's own comments regarding this site.

1. The Gillespie report clearly shows the majority of Dalfaber being designated as Landscape Greenspace with only the areas shown on the map as D1 which has already been developed and D2 and D3 which remain undeveloped but which includes a substantial Village Green as part of any development
2. We further object to the change in designation of the land to the immediate south of the current access track from Corrou Road. This area is designated in the Current Local Plan as amenity woodland as should remain as such.
3. The Cairngorms Landscape Capacity for Housing " identifies little opportunity for development on the subject site" and characterises the site as "elevated land" and therefore highly sensitive
4. The CNPA Visitor Services and Recreation Group are "clear that the principle of housing development would inevitable change the nature of the site and remove an important green barrier between existing housing and the new Spey Valley Golf Course
5. The CNPA Natural Heritage Group " the area of ground between Heather Cottage and the existing access track from Corrou Road is described as supporting relatively undisturbed, semi natural vegetation such as heather, gorse and young birch" They recommend that this area remain undeveloped. Why then include it as a development site in the local plan.

In conclusion zoning H2 and H3 for development will erode the natural settlement edge and have a fundamental impact on the Cairngorms National Scenic Area and be detrimental to the area as a whole.

Best regards
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