

## **OBJECTION 390t Nethy Bridge NB H2/ED1 Roy Turnbull**

### **Nethy Bridge H2 and ED1**

This statement is in addition to the objection previously lodged to the continued allocation of this site for development, which presently has been granted outline consent .

Recent detailed survey work by Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group, conducted since the granting of outline consent, has revealed a high density of red squirrel dreys within the development site. This would make it impossible for the proposed development to proceed without destruction of a large number of these squirrel dreys.

The Scottish Government, July 2008, stated,

"Red squirrels and other species including water voles are protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Section 9(4) of the Act makes it an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage a red squirrel drey." "any advice to developers will need to be clear that neither we nor SNH are in a position to grant a licence that would allow the disturbance of the dwelling place of a Schedule 5 species for the purposes of development."

Since it follows that it would be illegal under the said Act to grant full consent to the Nethy Bridge H2 site, its allocation should be removed from the DLP.

### **List Of Documents**

Letter: 080700 "RED SQUIRRELS – PLANNING AND NATURE CONSERVATION LEGISLATION", Scot. Gov..