OBJECTION 390d Other Important Natural and Earth Heritage Sites and Interests Roy Turnbull

The CNPA response to previous the objection stated:

6.4 “The approach proposed by the objectors would be unreasonable as it would provide a level of protection greater than for any other natural or earth heritage designation or area.”

This is acknowledged. The objective should not be to provide a level of protection greater than a Natura 2000 Site, but to provide protection that is as strong or very nearly so. Thus a forms of words similar to the following (for Natura 2000) is required:

“A development that would have an adverse effect on the conservation interests for which a Natura 2000 site has been designated should only be permitted where:"

- "there is no alternative solution, and"
- "there are imperative reasons of over-riding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature"

The context in which this is considered important is one in which AWI sites, such as School Wood, Nethy Bridge H2, and other second tier sites, such as Carrbridge H1 and Grantown-on-Spey H1, of considerable importance for biodiversity and amenity, have been and continue to be allocated for large scale development in local plans. This is not acceptable, and the adopted CNP Local Plan must ensure that such mistakes do not continue.