

**CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK DEPOSIT LOCAL PLAN: OBJECTION
BY ROSSLYN OAKES AND GARRY FOWLER: ATTACHED SHEET**

3. We object to the Deposit Local Plan on the grounds that it does not reflect government advice on the form and content of Local Plans; and in consequence, does not properly fulfil its statutory purpose.

4. One of the key functions of Local Plans is to present the policies set out in Structure Plans; in this case the Cairngorms National Park Plan; and other relevant documents, in a spatial framework; and in such a way as to allow users to determine clearly what will and will not be acceptable to the Planning Authority.

Apart from the thinly prescribed settlement areas, policies are not related to specific areas; and that taken together with the value judgements inherent in the wordings of many of the policies, make it impossible to determine with any surety what the future could hold for the land owned by Ms Oakes and Mr Fowler.

They purchased ground in the vicinity of the old Spey Bridge some years ago in an effort to get on the property ladder, but were refused consent on the grounds that the area had been reserved for a major tourist attraction.

Since then, they have been living in tied houses; low-budget rental houses; and with relatives; and were hopeful that the new Local Plan would allow them to consider what best to do next.

The Deposit Local Plan in its present form, however, leaves the situation opaque in relation to their interests; and until that is resolved, they intend to sustain their objection to it.