

Policy/site ref Policy General - Links to Park Plan

Form of words

In the Deposit Local Plan the wording is

Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity and Landscapes

Outcomes for 2012 vii. The habitat and water quality of rivers and wetlands will be enhanced through commencement of positive management initiatives guided by catchment management planning.

The wording we offered in our submission of 27th September 2007 was

vii. The habitat and water quality of rivers and wetlands will be enhanced through commencement of positive management initiatives guided by catchment management planning and promotion of local ultra-filtration units for drinking water preparation and membrane bio reactor package plants for waste water treatment.

First alternative wording

vii. The habitat and water quality of rivers and wetlands will be enhanced through commencement of positive management initiatives guided by catchment management planning. In particular these will explore the potential for point of use water processing using newer technology and processing waste water close to where it is created using package waste water treatment units.

Second alternative wording

vii. The habitat and water quality of rivers and wetlands will be enhanced through commencement of positive management initiatives guided by catchment management planning. In particular these will explore the potential for point of use water processing using EU approved ultra-filtration units and processing waste water close to where it is created using membrane bio reactor package waste water treatment units as used in other UK National Parks

Notes

1) These proven newer technology plant units for drinking water and waste water processing, enable domestic and commercial development with about 5% of the load on the natural water environment of the established processing methods currently used in the National Park.

2) A patented drinking water unit was tested and approved in March 2005 as a small compact water treatment system for decentralised treatment in small water works or for personal use by the accredited German laboratory of Dr Herbert Bendlin.

3) Many of these Membrane Bio Reactor package waste water treatment plants are in service around the world. One was installed at Garelochhead MoD transit camp over ten years ago.

4) SEPA Dingwall office approved an MBR unit in February 2008 for the Assynt Foundation community land buy out refurbishment of Glencanisp Lodge, near Lochinver. Recently the (English) National Trust installed a unit in the Lake District National Park at their Wasdale camp site.

Response to CNPA Statement

Mr McKee of the CNPA states “They cannot be changed because they are not part of the Deposit Local Plan”

Our position

As we previously quoted from the National Park Plan. “The National Park Plan is informed by, and in turn provides a context for, other plans affecting the National Park.”

We suggest that informing the National Park Plan can only be done by accepting changes.

We also suggest that adding wording along the lines of our proposals, is a proper use of the Local Plan to encourage adoption of technologies established and in use elsewhere to deliver the Aims of the Cairngorms National Park.