

## Form for supporting or objecting to the Draft Core Paths Plan

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### 1. Your Details (\*indicates a compulsory field.)

Title	MISS	First Name*	LINDSAY	Last Name*	BUCHANAN
Responding on behalf of:	EXPLORE ABERNETHY				(if applicable)
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2. Do you think that the proposed core paths network is sufficient to give people reasonable access throughout the area?

Please tick one

Yes

No



3. Please state clearly and fully the grounds of your objection or support to the Draft Core Paths Plan, continuing on a separate sheet where necessary.

WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE CORE PATHS PLAN IN THE CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK, SHOWN ON MAP 18 (DULNAIN BRIDGE AND NETHY BRIDGE) OF THE DRAFT PLAN. WE SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CORE PATHS ON MAP 18 BUT BELIEVE THAT THE CORE PATHS NETWORK WOULD BE IMPROVED BY INCLUDING AT LEAST THREE ADDITIONAL PATHS. THE ADDITIONAL PATHS WOULD ASSIST CONNECTING THE NETHY BRIDGE COMMUNITY AND ASSIST VISITOR RECREATION IN THE VILLAGE. ADDITIONAL PATHS COULD LINK NETHY BRIDGE TO THE BRAES OF ABERNETHY, BRIDGE OF BROWN AND TOMINTOUL.

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4. If objecting, please indicate what change (s) you are seeking to the Draft Core Paths Plan which could resolve your objection, continuing on a separate sheet where necessary.

1. NEAR TO LBS92 (GOLF COURSE WOODS ROUTE) THERE IS ANOTHER WELL USED PATH IN BALNAGOWAN WOODLAND WHICH LIES TO THE NORTH EAST EDGE OF THIS WOOD. THIS PATH IS REGULARLY USED BY WALKERS, WALKING TO AND FROM THE GOLF COURSE. WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS A CORE PATH AND CONNECT WITH LBS92.

2. LBS89 (WILDERNESS TRAIL). WE BELIEVE THE WHOLE OF THE 'WILDERNESS TRAIL', WHICH LIES AROUND THE EDGES OF 'SCHOOL WOODS' SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A CORE PATH. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ROUTE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND VISITORS, WHO REGULARLY WALK THIS ROUTE. IT IS PART OF THE EXPLORE ABERNETHY PATH NETWORK AND PASSES THE REMAINS OF A CANADIAN TIMBER CAMP FROM WORLD WAR 2, AN IMPORTANT HISTORICAL SITE.

3. WE PROPOSE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CORE PATH THROUGH SLIEMORE WOODS, WHICH WOULD AID CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NETHY BRIDGE VILLAGE AND THE BRAES OF ABERNETHY. THE PATH WOULD ALSO HELP TO CONNECT NETHY BRIDGE VILLAGE TO TOMINTOUL AND BRIDGE OF BROWN VIA THE PATH PAST DORBACK LODGE. THERE IS ALREADY A PROPOSAL FOR THE PATH BETWEEN TOMINTOUL AND DORBACK LODGE TO BECOME A CORE PATH.

Signature	L Buchanan	Date	27.05.08
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**Please return your completed form to:**

Cairngorms National Park Authority  
FREEPOST NAT 21454  
GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY  
PH26 3BR

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### 1. Your Details (\*indicates a compulsory field.)

Title	MR	First Name*	GEORGE	Last Name*	DYER
Responding on behalf of:		CARRBRIDGE GOLF CLUB (if applicable)			
Postal Address* INVERNNESS ROAD					
CARRBRIDGE					
Postcode*	PH23 3DU	Telephone	01479 841314		
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2. Do you think that the proposed core paths network is sufficient to give people reasonable access throughout the area?	Please tick one	
	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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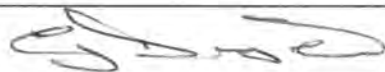
Whilst there are many paths not mentioned, I agree that the core paths meet the requirement. However, the OS map is wrong in respect of LBS63 and also the northern section of the footpath over the Carrbridge Golf Club to join LBS63. I have previously drawn the correct routes and am willing to do so again contd.

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3. Contd.  
The section labelled LB555 is also <sup>still</sup> wrong, with the recently built section along the main road not even shown. Again I can provide more detail if required.

Signature



Date

2/6/08.

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Cairngorms National Park,  
Grantown on Spey.

Dear Sir,

I write to give my response to the  
Interim Draft Core Paths Plan:

1. In relation to the paths in the Duhann  
Bridge area; LBS 129; LBS 94: LBS 93.

I strongly support the inclusion of these  
paths in the Core Path Network, but I  
also think that they should be made up  
to a size and standard, where necessary,  
for use by bikes. Most of this route is made  
up of the old road, but if a new path  
section has to be built, then it should be  
made for pedestrian and bicycle use.

There should be a route for bikes from  
Duhann Bridge to Nettybridge, without riding  
on the A95, which is not suitable for bikes.

From the proposed route, a slip ~~to~~ road down to the turning off the A95 at Broomhill should be provided; this would encourage cycling between the two villages.

2. The section from Grantown to Duhair Bridge should be provided with a cycle path; this may have to wait till the Strathspey Railway and A95 are re-aligned at Gairch, but a bike path must be included in these works, as part of the forward planning for the realignment, not as an add on at the last minute, which almost inevitably leads to poor routing, and thereby lack of use, by cyclists.

Yours Sincerely,

Adam Gordon.

From: automailer@cairngorms.co.uk  
Sent: 11 June 2008 14:26  
To: Core Path Planning  
Subject: Core Paths Planning Comments

Name: Mr Geoffrey Seaber

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Phone:

Responding on behalf of:

1. Do you think that the proposed core paths network is sufficient to give people reasonable access throughout the area? No
2. Please state clearly and fully the grounds of your objection or support to the Draft Core Paths Plan: Insufficient safety provision for cyclists and walkers on the "on road" sections of the network. The report does not define any measures aiming to reduce death and injury to cyclists and walkers on these sections. CNP should be setting the highest standards with respect to safety and if it really wants to encourage cycling to all the first priority must be the provision of cycling routes which are perceived to be safe.
3. If objecting, please indicate what change(s) you are seeking to the Draft Core Paths Plan which could resolve your objection: Specific proposals with respect to limiting road speed on the "on road" sections of the network; as is routinely done near schools. CNP should also develop a cultural framework on the "on road" sections of the paths such that motorists perceive that they should give due consideration and priority to cyclist and walkers.

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To: Bob Grant Esq.  
Senior Outdoor Access Officer  
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
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Grantown-on-Spey  
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PH26 3HG

6<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Dear Bob,



**DRAFT CORE PATHS PLAN – FINAL CONSULTATION**

In responding to the above consultation on behalf of the Spey Fishery Board, I should reiterate that we are a Statutory Body, brought about by legislation dating back to the 1860's, with responsibilities for the **conservation, protection and enhancement of Atlantic salmon and sea trout stocks and their fisheries** within the Spey catchment area. As such, this is a response to the proposal to make the River Spey a Core Path, rather than a response to the Core Paths Plan as a whole. I should also clarify that **the Spey Fishery Board continues to strongly resist and formally object to the inclusion of the main stem of the River Spey as a Core Path.**

I was told by a senior member of the CNPA Board that the decision taken on 18<sup>th</sup> January this year to formally propose the River Spey as a core path was taken for three reasons: to release public funding for the development of paddler access and egress points; to develop education; and to provide for sufficiency of the Core Paths Plan as a whole. In these respects, we would be grateful to know the following:

1. What plans does the CNPA have to develop access and egress points, where will they be and how much public money will be made available for this? Furthermore, the primary areas of intense paddler use of the River Spey lie outwith the CNPA's boundaries (particularly at Ballindalloch and Knockando). We recognise that the CNPA hopes that development within their area will help redistribute paddlers along the River, but the areas of the River Spey subjected to the most paddler activity are chosen for their "white water" appeal, rather than their access and egress points. How exactly does the CNPA expect to divert paddler interest from these areas and encourage a more even distribution of paddler activity along the River Spey?
2. What are the CNPA's plans to develop educational resources that will encourage more responsible and informed behaviour by River Spey users?
3. We still have difficulty comprehending how a waterway can be designated as a path, let alone a Core Path. We find it even more remarkable that the River Spey should have to be designated as a Core Path in order to ensure the sufficiency of the Cairngorms National Park's Core Paths Plan. Given the vast expanse of land within the Cairngorms National Park and the broad network of paths that already exist within it, why is the River Spey so important to the sufficiency of the Plan?

I must also reiterate the potential economic impact of this proposal. We realise that you have a duty to consider wider outdoor access for the general public, but this proposal appears to us to benefit only canoeists and rafters, who form a minority of River Spey users. **Angling on the River Spey generates some £11.8m per annum for the local economy and is responsible for 367 full time equivalent jobs** (Scottish Executive-sponsored Economic Survey, 2003). It also ensures that **over half a million pounds each year is spent on the conservation, protection and enhancement of this internationally-renowned salmon fishery.** By designating the Spey as a Core Path and

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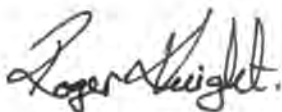


promoting the increased use of this finite natural resource by paddlers who contribute nothing towards its maintenance and improvement, you may in turn reduce the numbers of anglers visiting the area to fish the Spey. The importance of this internationally-renowned Salmon River to a fragile rural economy should not be under-estimated. Nor should it be allowed to be undermined by a small minority trying to exert a disproportionate amount of pressure. In this respect, we would like to know what measures the CNPA intend to put in place to ensure their proposal will also benefit the angling fraternity.

More broadly, we remain concerned about the year-on-year rise in the numbers of paddlers on the River Spey, which is becoming an increasing problem. We recognise that the CNPA believes that Core Path status may only lead to a modest increase in those numbers. But the cumulative impact of these increasing numbers is having a detrimental impact on angling, with what will become a knock-on effect on the local economy. There has to come a time when the utilisation of any natural and finite resource has to be regulated if it is to be conserved for the future, particularly with an area as environmentally sensitive as the River Spey. For much of the River Spey, the numbers of anglers are regulated by the Estates responsible for their respective beats and limited to ensure that the river is not over-fished. This has given rise to the unfortunate misconception that angling on the Spey is exclusive and inaccessible. It isn't – it's just limited to the numbers that can fish at any one time. Sadly, the same can not be said for paddlers, who have the right of access at any time, the only limiting factor being that they behave responsibly. In our view, responsible behaviour should take into account the sensitivity of the environment, as well as the ability of others to enjoy their own particular access to the River.

To do this effectively, we believe that the time has now come to regulate the sheer numbers of paddlers on the river. This should not be confused with an attempt to restrict people's rights. Rather it is the most effective way of ensuring that paddling activities can take place without detriment both to an area of such significant environmental sensitivity, as well as to the rights of other legitimate users of the River Spey. If the CNPA is to successfully achieve wider outdoor access for the general public, it will need to address this growing problem.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Knight', written in a cursive style.

Roger Knight  
Director