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1. Do you think that the proposed core paths network is sufficient to give people reasonable access throughout the area? Yes
2. Please state clearly and fully the grounds of your objection or support to the Draft Core Paths Plan: Having met the gentleman who was surveying the proposed path for the Stratdon Area and after having discussions with him and our staff, it was felt that this path and that of reinstating the bridge over the Don would only benefit both residents, fisherman, and tourist alike.

Its about time, the only other surgestionl would make is that the proposed car parking facilites at the Loanch Hall (start point of the core path) would not be sufficient, why not level the curen no mans ground to the current lower level car park thus giving more space for cars and walkers alike.

It would also be good idea that litter bins and dog foul bins be located along the core pathe.

3. If objecting, please indicate what change(s) you are seeking to the Draft Core Paths Plan which could resolve your objection:

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27th June 2008



Our ref: WHL021

Dear Sir

**Objections to Cairngorms National Park Draft Core Paths Plan –
LBS128 Hill Path, Kincaig**

I refer to our previous discussion in connection with the above and we would wish to submit a holding objection to the proposed path that is identified as LBS128 Hill Path on Map 22 Kincaig and Insh in the consultation document. A completed objection form is also attached with this letter.

As you will be aware we have recently submitted a planning application on behalf of Wilburn Homes to Highland Council for the erection of a house on a site to the south west of 1-4 Suidhe Brae, Kincaig (08/00148). Furthermore we are aware that the planning application was debated at the CNPA committee on 13th June when the decision was made not to call in the application.

In the CNPA response to Highland Council dated 17th June we are pleased to see that the CNPA recognises that the site represents an infill plot within the settlement as part of a wider residential allocation in the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan.

The opposition from the public to the planning application has primarily focused around concerns about the impact that any development would have on the footpath link between Suidhe Crescent through the woodland to The Brae and beyond.

However at no time have Wilburn Homes indicated that this link would ever be removed or closed off. In fact they have made numerous attempts to discuss potential options for the re-routing of the existing steep dirt track that crosses the site to an agreed location around the boundary of the application site so that full access can still be achieved and the

footpath link maintained in accordance with what is shown in the current adopted local plan (and also now the National Park's Core Paths Plan).

The community council and village hall committee declined a request to allow a new pedestrian access to be formed through to the rear of the hall car park as well as any lowering of the fence. All of our most recent requests to meet with the community council to discuss the two alternative options for the footpath route (as shown on the submitted planning application drawings) have also been rejected by them as they are clearly opposed to the principle of any further development in this location.

We are therefore pleased to see that the latest Core Paths Plan released for consultation in April now includes the footpath route in question so that we can now hopefully progress meaningful discussions with Highland Council and also yourself on how best to achieve the through route as part the revised planning application but also the CNP core paths plan.

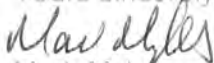
The existing informal path that runs through the site consists of a steep unmade track that simply runs into the woodland. The proposed new footpath link does not in our view need to be a fully designed and engineered solution but can be upgraded and improved from the more informal track that has always existed so that it can connect with the footpath links in the woodland area to the south and beyond. The provision or retention of a footpath link at this point was never secured in any previous planning permissions in this area and we therefore consider that the current planning application has major benefits and would assist the National Park in meeting its aspirations for this area.

We are aware that the Community Council and others are likely to maintain their objection to any built development on this site. Given the background to this objection we trust that you will be willing to discuss the preferred route for the path, its width and standard of construction in more detail so that it can be secured as part of the current planning application. That would then allow us to withdraw our objection to the finalised Core Paths plan.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this representation in more detail and it may be that a joint meeting with the Highland Council planner would be beneficial to all. We therefore look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely


Mark Myles

cc: Harry McKay, Wilburn Homes
Andrew McCracken, Highland Council

Form for supporting or objecting to the Draft Core Paths Plan (continued)

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.

SEE ATTACHED COVERING LETTER DATED 27/6/08

Signature	<i>Alan Hyles</i>	Date	27/6/08
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Please return your completed form to:

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Forms should be returned no later than **30 June 2008**. After that date you will be contacted by a representative of the Cairngorms National Park Authority with regard to your objections.

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Form for supporting or objecting to the Draft Core Paths Plan

Please note that all responses will be made public and are not valid without a full name and postal address.

Please read the explanatory notes inside the front cover and in Section 4 (see page 12) of the Draft Core Paths Plan before completing this form and return it by **30 June 2008**. Please use this form to set out your objections to or comments in support of the draft Core Paths Plan quoting the path reference number where appropriate. Further copies of this form can be photocopied, obtained from the CNPA offices or printed from our web site where you can also complete it electronically. www.cairngorms/access/corepaths

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

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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.

SEE ATTACHED COVERING LETTER DATED 27/6/08

From: Michael Anderson [MAnderson@savills.com]
Sent: 27 June 2008 14:44
To: Core Path Planning; Adam Streeter-Smith
Subject: FW: Draft Core Paths Plan - Dulnain Bridge

Dear Mr Streeter-Smith

I am conscious the deadline for comment on the above before issue of the draft core path plan is the end of this month and with this in mind I write as follows;

On review of our files I note that some adjustments have been made to the original proposal following our representations on behalf of Muckrach Estate, for which we are grateful.

With regard to the current layout around Dulnain Bridge we still have reservations on the aspirational paths proposed around Ballintomb Wood. Given that the route will be leading onto the main road we do not feel that this would be safe for public use. There is also a significant amount of work required to make this unusable as a core path including felling of timber and clearing back brush. It is not reasonable to expect the landlord to prepare this route for the path network at his own detriment.

We also object to the inclusion of the Wester Laggan access track as a core path as this is regularly used for farm vehicles with a number of blind corners that would make its use by walkers quite dangerous.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email by return.

I trust these comments will be considered and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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26 June 2008

Dear Mr Ferguson

Cairngorms National Park, Draft Core Paths Plan – Final Public Consultation

Further to the formal consultation on the above Plan, the matter was considered by Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee on 19 June, and I now have pleasure in setting out our response to the Draft Core Paths Plan.

Firstly, may I say that the Committee were pleased to note that many of the comments made in response to the Consultative Draft Core Paths Plan in 2007 have been incorporated in the latest draft. As a Council, it is not our intention to comment specifically on each of the proposed core paths but to give a general overview on each of the key settlement areas within our area that are affected by the Core Paths Plan, and provide some more general comments. There are two key areas in the Consultation document that are in Aberdeenshire, Upper Deeside (p22 - Map 4; p23 - Map 5; p24 - Map 6; p25 - Maps 7&8; p26 - Map 9; and p27 - Map 10) and Upper Donside (p28 - Map11; and p29 - Map12).

Firstly, in the Upper Deeside Area, it is considered that each of the key settlements of Braemar, Crathie, Ballater and Dinnet are well catered for, and the Committee is pleased to see that the work of the Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust (formerly Upper Deeside Access Trust) has heavily informed the designation of core paths proposed within this area.

Secondly, the Committee is pleased to note that previous comments in relation to greater path provision within the Donside area, in recognition of the recent path development works undertaken by the Bellabeg Paths Project, has been taken into account in the development of the Draft Core Paths Plan.

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As a more general point, it is noted that approximately 58km of Core Path are proposed on the existing road network throughout the Park, and some of these sections are within Aberdeenshire. While Aberdeenshire Council is keen to support greater access to the countryside, and active travel in general, it is important that the expectations of potential users are clearly understood. The majority of your Core Paths Network is on paths where no motorised vehicles are present and indeed the term "path" tends to reinforce this. It is, therefore, important that a clear distinction is made with sections of the Core Path Network that are "on road", so that users are clear that use of the "path" is shared with motorised vehicles.

It is also important to consider the actual risk involved in designating "on road" section as core paths. For the sections identified within Aberdeenshire, it is clear that these are already used by walkers to access the countryside, and records indicate that this has not caused significant problems.

If these sections of core paths are suitably identified as "on road" sections and users reminded of the advice provided in the Highway Code, then the Committee can foresee no reason why they cannot be included in your Core Path Network.

Aberdeenshire Council is also keen to confirm its support for the designation of the Deeside Way as a Core Path. Given that this is not a formal Long Distance Route and so does not have the same protection and resourcing benefits, such as provided to the Speyside Way, it is deemed important that this route is promoted as a Core Path. It is a positive aspect that a number of paths which provide access to the River Dee are proposed as Core Paths, though it is considered that the mapping provided should more specifically designate access and egress points which would enable water based users to clearly identify areas where they can access the River.

Finally, Aberdeenshire Council's main interest lies in ensuring that there is integration and consistency in the routes that cross the authority boundaries. While Aberdeenshire Council is still in the process of developing our Core Paths Plan, we would not expect any problems given our input to the process to date, such as through the Outdoor Access Authorities Cross Border Working Group.

I trust that these comments are useful, though please do not hesitate to contact me for further discussion or clarification on the points made above.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Peter Argyle
Chair of Infrastructure Service Committee

c.c. Iain Gabriel, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure
Christine Gore, Director of Planning and Environmental Services
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OBJECTIONS TO CORE PATH DRAFT PLAN



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NO, I do not think the proposed core path network is sufficient to give people access to the area.

OBJECTIONS: Despite the Core Path link into Inchrory via Delnadamph, a focus of the Core Path Plan are routes running north, south inside the Central Cairngorms exiting near to Braemar. Corgarff needs to be connected to Ballater to encourage people to explore the east side of the Cairngorms and through to Tomintoul and the Speyside way. Ballater is a comfortable days walk from Corgarff as is Tomintoul, people will be encouraged to stay in and appreciate the area, its history, assets and businesses.

CHANGES: For the Path at Cockbridge to join the Old Military Road (Public footpath) south to the A939, taking the track to the Peat Moss from the A939, joining the track along the side of Scraulac to the footpath to Glenfenzie and onwards to Ballater.

This will connect and support the businesses of Ballater, Corgarff and Tomintoul in a socially and economically sustainable way. Encouraging appreciation of the historical assets of the area, the Castle, three bridges etc Reduce pollution from car traffic and encourage a healthy sustainable population.


25/6/08