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23.6.8



Core Paths

Dear Sandra,

I have not been able to check the number, but I believe it is DE 59, along the Dee on the Ballater map on the south side west of Ballater, not yet completely arranged or made, and noted with a dotted red line on the last stretch below Glasdhu.

It is unfortunate, but many visitors are not yet aware of the importance of fishing to the estates economically, and to local employment and social stability. This path goes along the beat and near a village and if people are going to use any river-side path during the prime fishing season, there should be greater knowledge and understanding of the importance of quietness and distance when fishing is taking place.

The only reference I have found to this in the Outdoor Access Code is that fishers should refrain from casting while canoes pass over their water – which is not particularly helpful to people who have contributed large sums to the local economy while staying in the area, rather than coming in for a day with their own sandwiches.

Might there be some attention paid in any booklet or advice given to visitors on 'Conduct in the presence of animal and vegetable life in the countryside'? Perhaps something along the lines of 'Conservation includes not disturbing anything here, animal, vegetable or mineral. Cattle die if they eat a plastic bag. Butterflies cannot breed on crushed vegetation. Extra weight makes unstable scree slopes slide downhill. Responsible culling cannot take place if you disturb deer, grouse or fish – please go very carefully and quietly especially in the following seasons,..... with your dog on the lead ...' To be on the safe side ring Hillphones/ Tel.No ?

We do not want to lose our high quality tourism or local knowledge and culture, for want of understanding the basic need to move quietly about wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Angus

Again congratulations on the clarity of the proposals.

for supporting or objecting to the Draft Core Paths Plan

that all responses will be made public and are not valid without a full name and 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.

Objection to proposed path
LDE 63 -

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.

Removal of proposed path
UDE 63

Signature

Steele

Date

26.6.08

Please return your completed form to:

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GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY
PH26 3BR

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

Title	MRS	First Name*	VALERIE	Last Name*	DYER
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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.

On behalf of the RA, Badenoach & Strathspay Group, I would advise that we support and approved the concept of a network of core paths within the CNP.

However, we feel that the number of paths included in the draft proposal is excessive, with many failing to meet your own criteria (ie orbital, linking, specific etc).

Our main concern is that any attempt to upgrade and maintain the large number of paths, no doubt to high health and safety standards, would result in a significant diminution of the upgrades, due to the whole exercise being undertaken on a predetermined and finite budget. Much better, we feel, to upgrade fewer paths to a high standard, of equal importance in the future is the cost of maintenance of all paths added. (contd)

Section 3 (contd)

Another objection is that one of our pleasures as a group is to undertake walks along the myriad of woodland tracks and paths which abound in this area, many of them giving an almost "exploratory" feel, having been formed by various forms of wildlife, with differing needs and intentions. We would hate to see many of the paths shown on your maps being upgraded from their current wild woodland path status.

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

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In order to achieve maximum benefit from a finite budget, we recommend that you a) reduce the number of Core Paths, b) restrict the degree of upgrading of those selected and c) encourage communities to "Adopt a Path" for continuing maintenance.

Signature

V. E. Dyer

Date

25/6/08

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Responding on behalf of:

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: Forestry Commission Scotland welcomes and supports the process that has led to the production of the CNP Draft Core Paths Plan and acknowledges the work and effort made by all.

FCS has no objections to make but does have suggested amendments and comments for a number of paths that are on the National Forest Estate.

FCS would welcome discussion to reach consensus on the points raised below in the subsequent 3 month period.

Map 9 Ballater

UDE34 - Pannanich

The proposed route passes through woodland habitat now recognised as crucial to the viability of woodland grouse in upper Strathdee. To avoid any increase in the potential for disturbance FCS recommends that the route be amended. This can be resolved by further discussion. FCS is willing to work collaboratively on an alternative that provides a better link for other core paths such as UDE34 and UDE59.

Map 26 Laggan

UBS 20 - Gorstean

This proposed route while appearing to fulfill the desire for a circular route for the Laggan community has severe limitations in the route. Given this, FCS consider it may not be wholly appropriate or reasonable for this path to be a candidate core path but to remain as part of the wider access network. FCS is willing to discuss alternatives with the various partners at an early opportunity.

UBS 22- Blackwood Ridge

This route has severe physical limitations on its use. FCS is aware of interest by our partners Laggan Forest Trust to include this route in planned expansion of the Laggan Wolftrax mountain bike facility in due course. As such FCS consider it may not be appropriate or reasonable to include this route at this time as a core path but to remain as part of the wider access network meantime.

There are a number of trails on NFE land proposed as core paths that are not entirely suited to multiple use activities and it may not be desirable or feasible to upgrade these due to the current route and condition. (eg LBS105 and 106 Uath Lochans and Craig Farleiter, and GR12 Allt Mhor) The CNPA will need to take into account in the designation and any promotion of core paths that there is clear guidance on the range of activity, multi use or single use that paths will support. FCS are keen to work with CNPA and others to develop appropriate promotional material and signage to help users make informed choices as to which paths are appropriate for their chosen activity, their ability level and to assist them in exercising their access rights responsibly.

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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Dear Sandra,

**CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK
CORE PATHS PLAN DRAFT**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 May 2008, regarding the Angus Draft Core Paths Plan. Your letter has been logged as a formal comment on the Plan.

We would like to comment on the Cairngorms National Park Draft Core Paths Plan as follows:-

We are pleased to note the inclusion of path EC10, which links to the Ministers Path and provides connectivity with the Angus Core Paths Plan. We also welcome the inclusion of paths EC9, EC13 and EC14, which identify access opportunities in Glen Isla and Glen Esk, and path EC11, which provides linkage between the Angus Glens and Deeside.

We are aware that one discontinuity between the Angus and Cairngorm Plans is the Firmmouth Road, which has been included in the Draft Plan for Angus. A short section of this path passes through the National Park, north of grid reference NO 494 876. This route fits well with the selection criteria adopted for the Angus Core Paths Plan. It was identified during our community consultation, as well as being a recognised public right of way, and a route which is identified in a number of publications. The path links well with other paths identified in the draft Plan for Angus and provides a longer distance link with paths in Aberdeenshire. Its inclusion is consistent with the inclusion of other existing longer distance routes within the Angus Glens, such as the links between Glen Esk, Glen Lethnot and Glen Ogil, the Ministers Path, and the links between Glen Prosen and Glen Isla. We consider the Firmmouth Road to have a similar function to path EC11, within the National Park Draft Core Paths Plan.

I agree that it would be preferable for neighbouring Core Paths Plans to link wherever possible. I would be happy to discuss the Firmmouth further if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL CLARK
COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS OFFICER