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Your Ref: VSRG/CPP/3

Our Ref: AGN/AS/R



27th June, 2008.

Dear Mr Ferguson,

Draft Core Paths Plan – Final Public Consultation

I enclose herewith completed forms objecting to the following routes on Estate land:-

LBS 1, 4, 30, 33, 34, 35, 71, 87, 95, 96, 124, 131, 136 & 137.

The Estate has not objected to a number of other proposed routes on Estate land and indeed you should be aware that we have always been pleased to work with the local authorities and community groups in establishing national and local path networks throughout the Estate.

Whilst not objecting as such, adoption of these routes as Core Paths will bring management issues to the fore from time to time and we are expecting CNPA to assist in resolving potential conflicts by educating users, encouraging responsible access at all times and working with the Estate and the local communities in this regard.

I look forward to hearing from you further in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew G. Norval
Property Director

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www.cairngorms/access/corepaths

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Email	mail@seafield-estate.co.uk				

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.

LBS-95 and LBS-96 - Skye of Curr Woods Path and Dulnain Bridge to Balnaan

The Estate does not consider that these routes achieve the criteria required of a Core Path in respect of reducing the potential for conflict between the needs of land managers and the access taking public.

The Estate accepts the benefits to the local community of promoting these routes and would be pleased to work with CNPA and the local community to encourage responsible access outwith the infrequent timber harvesting operations but does not consider a Core Path designation appropriate.

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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.

Removal of LBS-95 and LBS-96 from the Core Paths plan and consideration of a less formal arrangement which we believe could achieve the same end with less impact on the landowner/managers.

Signature		Date	
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3. LBS-95 and LBS-96 - Skye of Curr Woods Path and Dulnain Bridge to Balnaan (CONTINUED)

Quoting from SNH's recent publication "Public Access and Land Management" they state: -

"Identify where public access may conflict with commercial activities and encourage people to avoid these paths/areas by identifying and clearly signing acceptable routes."

Our concern is that a significant part of the proposed core path LBS-95 is on the line of a timber extraction route. Both LBS-95 and LBS-96 are exposed for a significant part of their length to risk from timber harvesting operations.

Unlike other locations within the Estate's ownership, should the routes be designated Core Paths there are no alternative routes available to the land manager if these require to be closed during timber harvesting operations. As we understand it, the designation as a Core Path would place additional legislative burdens on Land Management operations which we consider are not in keeping with the letter or spirit of the SOAC or Core Paths planning.

Given our discussions and our concerns expressed prior to the publishing of this document it was disappointing to see that CNPA chose to specifically make the point "Paths selected here will also help land managers better manage access with their ongoing land management operations." We do not consider that to be an accurate statement for the reasons outlined above.

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Yes

No

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LBS-136 - Broomhill Spey Access Point

Exclusion of this path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. This route is unsuitable as a core path for a number of reasons. It will encourage untrained users to take access to the river in a dangerous and hazardous environment. Users are restricted to canoeists and rafters. There is a lack of adequate facilities for these users which could lead to further conflict with land management activities in this area. The environmental impact of increased use of the river requires to be addressed.

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Remove LBS-136 from the core paths plan.

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LBS-137 - Spey Access Point

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LBS-34 - Golf Course Link to River

Exclusion of the path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. Inclusion will raise a serious concern of increased use leading to potential conflict between users.

Clarification is required on the proposed location of the path in order to establish ownership of the route. This path is not suitable as a core path due to its close proximity to the Spey Valley Golf Course and the potential risk of collision with stray balls. There are sufficient paths for public access elsewhere in the area including the close proximity of the Speyside Way, National Cycle Network Route and Aviemore Orbital Footpath.

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LBS-131 - River Spey Access Point

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Yes

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LBS-71 - Boat to Drumullie

The Estate objects to the inclusion of this path in so far as it is within Estate ownership. Exclusion of the path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. Inclusion raises series concerns of increased used leading to potential conflict between users and between users and land managers as well as other concerns.

This path is not suitable as a core path for a number of reasons:-

1. It connects to public roads but will encourage visitors onto the busy A95 trunk road without any provision for their safety.
2. It passes through open farmland where livestock graze and will create conflict between users and land management activities.

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LBS-71 should be removed from the core paths plan.

Signature

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3. LBS-71 - Boat to Drumullie (CONTINUED)

3. It involves the crossing of a burn at a ford with no bridge. The remainder of the route is often boggy. The route is not fit for purpose as a core path.

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LBS-4 - Riverside Path to Grantown on Spey

Exclusion of the path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. Inclusion raises concerns of increased use leading to potential conflict between users and between users and land managers as well as other concerns. The Speyside Way and routes within Anagach Woods are easily sufficient to provide the basic framework referred to in paragraph 1.4 of the Draft Plan.

The Estate willingly assisted Highland Council and its partners in agreeing a route from Grantown on Spey to Cromdale Bridge for the Speyside Way. This was agreed to by the Estate at the time on the basis that it would direct users away from the riverside route to the benefit of the Estate's legitimate land use management interests in that area by avoiding the conflicts referred to above. This was understood and accepted by Highland Council and its partners at the time.

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Removal of LBS-4 from the core paths plan.

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3. LBS-4 - Riverside Path to Grantown on Spey (CONTINUED)

This route is not suitable as a core path for a number of reasons:-

1. The section between the new Spey Bridge and Old Spey Bridge is very narrow, informal and used by anglers who are aware of its hazards, particularly when the river is high. It is not fit for purpose for other users. Other users encouraged to take this route would be less wary of the hazards than anglers and would have higher expectations in terms of safety. This section of the route can only be accessed by means of long sections of steps which by their nature are hazardous. This area is occasionally grazed by livestock which create a further set of potential hazards.
2. The next section downstream runs through open fields where livestock graze at certain times of year leading to potential disturbance of livestock and hazards to those taking access.
3. There is no existing path at the end of this track to connect to the Craigroy road other than by passing within the curtilage of the Upper Castle Grant Beat fishing hut which would not be appropriate or acceptable. Core paths should be connecting routes rather than coming to dead ends.
4. The northern section of the route passes through the curtilage of the Castle Grant Beat 1 fishing hut which is not appropriate or acceptable. Members of the public in this area have in the past taken unauthorised access to the hut buildings, used the facilities and the potential for further conflict and similar problems will only increase if this route becomes a core path.

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Yes

No

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LBS30 - Aviemore Orbital

The Estate wishes to object to the section of LBS30 between the Aviemore Burn and the Fisherman's Car park. Exclusion of the path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. Inclusion will raise concerns of increased use leading to potential conflict between users and between users and land managers as well as other concerns which are noted below.

The first section from the burn heading downstream is a proposed new path. Whilst the Estate is willing to consider proposals put forward for its development, it is unlikely that this will be concluded within the period of the current core path plan. This section should not be included as a core path.

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Remove the section of LBS30 between the Aviemore Burn and the Fisherman's Car park

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3. LBS-30 - Aviemore Orbital (CONTINUED)

The second section, north of land owned by Dalfaber Golf and Country Club, is not suitable as a core path for a number of reasons:-

1. The route is a narrow fisherman's path, unsuitable for most users and not fit for purpose.
2. The path is in close proximity to or within the environs of the Spey Valley Golf Course and users are potentially at risk of collision with stray balls. The river is hazardous in this area and when high, much of the area floods.

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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

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LBS-33 - Dalfaber Club House to River

Exclusion of the path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. Inclusion will raise a serious concern of increased use leading to potential conflict between users.

This path is not suitable as a core path. The path crosses the Spey Valley Golf Course and users are potentially at risk of collision with stray balls. There are sufficient paths for public access elsewhere in the area including the close proximity of the Speyside Way, National Cycle Network Route and Aviemore Orbital Footpath.

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Remove LBS-33 from the core path plan.

Signature

Date

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LBS-124 - High Burnside Path

Exclusion of this path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. This is a proposed route which the Estate may be willing to consider at some point in the future but it seems unlikely that this can be agreed within the period of the core paths plan and it should not therefore be included. There are sufficient paths for public access elsewhere in the area including the close proximity of the network within the Craigellachie National Nature Reserve, the Aviemore Orbital Footpath linking into the Speyside Way and National Cycle Network Route.

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LBS-124 should be removed from the core path plan.

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LBS-87 - River path

Exclusion of the path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan.

The section of this route within the Estate's ownership running approximately north/ south within the former Estate nursery on Dell Road is not suitable as a core path. This area is zoned for housing in the current Highland Council Local Plan and the route running east/west through the nursery provides sufficient access to connect to the wider path network.

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LBS-35 - Aviemore Burn

Exclusion of the path will not affect the sufficiency of the whole plan. This path is not suitable as a core path. There is no safe linking route either north from the burn or south from the burn and whilst it is acceptable as a local path it is not suitable for most users and does not meet the criteria of a core path. There is potential for conflict of use when the adjoining ground is stocked with sheep.

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