

Questionnaire results for Donside community Council area.

1. Are you answering questions on behalf of:

	base	No reply	Yes	No	
household?	43	1	41	1	
main residence?	43	4	34	5	
business?	43	16	8	19	

2. Is there a need for more housing in your area? a) Open market housing

	No reply	Yes	No	?	
open market housing to rent	43	3	22	16	2
open market housing to buy	43	9	17	15	2

2. Is there a need for more housing in your area? b) Low cost/affordable

	No reply	Yes	No	?	
low cost housing to rent	43	1	28	11	3
low cost housing to buy	43	6	17	15	5
low cost housing to build	43	7	19	13	4

3. Where should housing be developed?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	
within towns or villages	43	8	27	6	2
around towns or villages	43	6	26	10	1
in open countryside	43	7	11	22	3

4. Is there scope for new business sites..?

Missing	No reply	3
Scope for new business sites/opportunities within community?	Yes	21
	No	13
	?	6

5. Are there areas which should be safeguarded from development?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified	
Comm green spaces	43	10	25	3	5	10
parks/playing fields	43	10	26	4	2	11
paths	43	12	24	3	4	7
wildlife habitats	43	8	30	1	4	10
viewpoints/views	43	10	28	2	3	9

6. Do any of the following facilities need to be created or improved in your area?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified	
roads	43	11	18	13	1	12
footpaths	43	11	20	11	1	19

cycle paths	43	17	9	14	3	7
waste water treatment	43	19	4	16	4	2
water supply	43	17	7	18	1	4
car parking	43	16	8	18	0	6
recycling	43	12	19	12	0	13
community fac.	43	11	24	7	1	19

7. Are there any specific environmental improvements required within your area?

	Base	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified
tree planting	43	17	10	15	1	11
landscaping	43	19	10	11	3	11
walls and fences	43	18	13	10	2	11
wildlife habitat	43	18	14	8	3	8
pathways	43	16	18	7	2	11

8. Are there any buildings...which need to be preserved, listed...within your area?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	specified	
Buildings	43	17	18	7	1	19
landscape features	43	22	11	8	2	9
archaeological sites	43	19	13	8	3	13
historical sites	43	19	14	10	0	12

9. Are you in favour of (sensitively sited) renewable energy developments..?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	location specified	
commercial wind farms	43	9	6	26	1	5
commercial HE	43	10	5	23	5	4
commercial biomass	43	10	10	18	5	2
community wind turbines	43	9	17	15	2	5
community HE	43	11	16	13	3	2
community biomass	43	9	19	9	6	5

11. What do you feel makes your community a special & distinctive part of the CNP?

Missing	No reply	0
What makes your community a special part of the CNP?	people	22
	landscape	22
	buildings	3
	natural environment	26
	wildlife	21
	cultural heritage	12
	outdoor activities	5
	tourist attractions	4
	recreation facilities	0
	history	9
	quality of life	26

social events	3
community life	10

12. Are there wider environmental, cultural or sustainability issues

	No reply	Yes	No	?	Description	
Environmental	43	22	15	5	1	13
Cultural	43	28	5	7	3	4
Sustainability	43	22	10	5	3	12

Detailed comments and suggestions for Questions 4-12.

Question 4 location - car parking

Lecht & other sites

Bellabeg c/p surface needs to be maintained

signage for parking areas/scenic viewpoints etc.

resurface Strathdon car park

only required at Lonach

viewpoints/stopping areas needed on A939. car parking need - improved site at Corgarff Castle

Question 4 Scope for new business sites/opportunities within community? What problems face businesses?

Yes possible additional tourist sites bu short & limited season

Yes Lack of imaginative development to get visitors and retain skills of youngsters and oldies.

Yes absentee landlords with too much power & influence

Yes sparse population-sustaining trade

Yes Farmers' attitudes, services, building regs. costs

Yes Transport and housing for workers

Yes relying on passing trade or supplying to services. Isolation

No too far from rail/port/airport/facilities

Yes the last craft business in GlenBuchat (pottery/knitwear) failed because of poor communications - snow bound roads in particular

? Unacceptably high rates for businesses for little return in services and ones that cannot generate much income to pay for them.

Yes distances involved for most businesses and lack of employees

Yes labour

Yes lack of services, transport, bureaucracy

Question 5 area - green spaces

Picnic area Corgarff

Motte and surrounding area, Bethbeg?

Lonach field at Ballabeg

green areas in Bellabeg

there are none

the Doune, Strathdon

Doune of Invernochty

very few such places but all should be safeguarded

Lonach gamesfield

between war memorial & the Doune

Question 5 : area - parks

F'bal pitch, Newe

Lonach field

throughout Strathdon

Lonach field & the one next to it

not sure
football pitch at Newe Bridge should be publicly bought, Bellabeg play park
there are none
football pitch/park, Strathdon
Lonach field
Bellabeg kids park, sports field at waterside
very few such places but all should be safeguarded

Question 5 : area - paths

existing rights of way in area
Old Military rd, recently bulldozed
existing forestry/estate tracks should be made more accessible
throughout Strathdon
paths through the forests and over the hills
Doune to Bunzeach
old military road has been ruined by so called development already

Question 5 : area - habitats

Water margins eg Don and tributaries, shelterbelts.
throughout Strathdon
sensitive areas should be treated with respect
Deochry area
the roe deer need their little known paths down from the hills to the river don
forestry land/gordon woodlands
the whole area
Moorland is protected by SSSI
in general
protect local capercaillie, blackcock

Question 5 : area - viewpoints

Many local vantage points could have improved access/interpretation etc.
throughout Strathdon
as above
Ben Newe
all throughout the area
Lecht
need to be developed
in general
Sealy hillock

Question 5 : Q5 other

Upland and moorland designated areas. Poldhullie Bridge.
Trees and plantings should be sympathetic to visual impact.
the mound- Bellabeg
Doune of Nocht
any areas with built heritage eg Castles

Question 6 : location - roads

existing road network well maintained by local authority
More passing places
Roads in upper Donside need upgrading.
entrance to Lonach hall/hotel (danger!)
inadequate clearing and gritting on access roads in winter
Lecht road is dangerous and needs work
side roads to church and village hall
the Poldhullie bridge is so bad that tourists won't use it
margin aley on minor roads - council response
A939 lacking white paint very very dangerous
Poldhuillie bridge
private road to Candacraig cottars

Question 6 : location - footpaths

By R Don eg on Avonside
recommend that the road to Poldhullie bridge is for 2 wheeled vehicular traffic and pedestrians
- no cars or tractors.
open up closed forestry roads
footpath along r Don
path Rough park to Bellabeg
Orienteering routes - no good for tourists without camping accommodation
Footpaths all around Corgarff could be improved and bridges built to meet up with each other.
This would encourage walkers and enhance the environment.
along river don banks
create paths between school and Bellabeg and Colquhonne hotel
don't have any in Strathdon!
as part of a network - signposting needed
more required ins/don area
more organised walking areas (like Cambus o May on Deeside) would be welcome
in general
circular routes suitable for all ages and mobilities
Poldhullie bridge, Strathdon. through Bunzeach forest.
drovers path Speyside-Donside
around Bellabeg
between Bellabeg and rough park

Question 6 : location - cycle paths

good idea if suitable route found
recommend that the road to Poldhullie bridge is for 2 wheeled vehicular traffic and pedestrians
- no cars or tractors.
mountain bike routes - no good for tourists without camping accommodation
definitely not - would damage sensitive moorland
ingeneral, away from roads and including long distance paths
circular routes suitable for all ages and mobilities
not sure we want these!

Question 6 : location - waste water treatment

septic tanks need to be cared for properly to work correctly
GlenBuchat

Question 6 : location - water supply

expand public supply - problems with private supply
all natural water supplies must be protected from pollution
we provide to our sites
GlenBuchat

Question 6 : location - car parking

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ellabeg c/p surface needs to be maintained
signage for parking areas/scenic viewpoints etc.
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Question 6: location - recycling

larger bins in laybys to cope even in Strathdon, Bellabeg
better site instead of carpark/picnic area + more types of recycling
Increase regularity of uplift of waste at Bellabeg.
plastic |& cardboard
paper and plastic container at Doune layby
plastic and cloth recycling alongside the others
cardboard at Bellabeg and empty more frequently
Invernochty car park - needs emptying more often
door to door collections
could be improved, tidied and extended
Bins area disgrace - all potholes
more bins for plastic & cardboard
more needed

Question 6 : location - comm. facilities

village hall
Lonach Hall, phase 2 renovation pending. Clubbie rooms opposite Bellabeg shop requires demolition and rebuilding as community facility/teas,coffe/local interpretation, history, etc.
Need to get what we have used by community - leadership and things to attract young people.
Lonach Hall & "Clubbie" Bellabeg
tidy hall opp Spar shop
Lonach Hall
renovate GlenBuchat hall for community use
finalise upgrade of Lonnach hall
prioritise 2nd stage development and refurbishment of Lonach hall
Corgarff hall in bad state and needs repair
Lonach hall refurbishment needs to be completed
eg Glen Buchat hall
phase 2 Lonach hall

clubby rooms in Bellabeg - belong to Lonach soc.
Corgarff hall could do with help
Corgarff hall - great deal of money to bring it up to standard for functions
corgarff hall updated
all local halls need upgrading
Lonach comm. centre should become Nat Park gateway office

Question 6 : Q6 other

retain public phone boxes & any other existing facilities
Sports facilities for youth groups, Broadband a priority for area.
Fitness gym, picnic areas
Broken dykes need improving to enhance the area
strict control on disposal of waste after sheep dipping
toilets in car park as local woods is being used as such
public toilets need improvement, playpark upgrading, signposting and linking paths to create loops

Question 7 : where - tree planting

more deciduous, lots more along roadside where wide verge
future restocking of commercial woodlands, better mix of species.
throughout Strathdon
more hardwoods
forest needs more natural and broad-leafed trees
commercial forests planted too tightly - should be space for animals and humans to move through
too many trees, especially pine. Forestry Commission should restore moorland
plant native species where 'foreign' evergreens are felled
many areas that were once forest have been destroyed by sheep and rabbits and is not regenerating because of such factors.
Replanting should be diverse - not just fir, ash and rowan trees
scattered planting of pine on grouse moors
acres of fir trees replaced with hardwood

Question 7 : where - landscaping

unsightly land-rover tracks bulldozed thru' hills
Possibly Invernochty
old roads through commercial forestry on S Don made into avenues of beeches, old crofts/dykes should be opened up and more accessible.
throughout Strathdon
Roughpark where trees have been felled
All around Corgarff could be improved
river banks must not be blocked by dense tree planting
near war memorial and village centre
all forested areas
always evolving with forestry activities
along river don/ cut /prune trees

Question 7 : where - walls and fences

local walls need renewing/renovating
old crofts/dykes should be opened up and more accessible.
throughout Strathdon
tenant farmers tend to neglect their fences
most dykes in the area are in poor repair
owners to be encouraged to rebuild walls and remove fences
at the Doune
all original prominent dykes
protection and reinstatement grants
along roadside entering Strathdon from east. repair prominent stone dykes all over
fences along road at Roughpark, walls at Doune

Question 7 : where - wildlife habitat

throughout Strathdon
protect birds of prey
tighter control on game keepers who break all the rules by using poison and slaughtering
protected species
all over - particularly farmland - rough corners
young sitka removal for black grouse/capercaillie
less sheep, more hardwood trees
GlenBuchat - greater diversity
maintain caper protection zone

Question 7 : where - pathways

Along R Don, circular walks
local estate and forestry tracks more accessible for walkers and riders
open up forestry roads
throughout Strathdon
improve & create new
public should not be discouraged from using pathways as they are in many cases
perhaps as part of a network
round the Doune of Invernochty and along the banks of the don
in general
around Doune of Invernochty and poldhullie br. beyond Allargue arms, going west
only if improvements done with a lighter touch than the old military road

Question 7 : Other

side roads ie to Newe
take down pylons from Grantown to Deeside which is an eyesore and kills birds
no toilets in Corgarff
bridleways needed

Question 8 : what and where - buildings

old school Corgarff, Carries old shop cld be used for something
Mill & bothy Milltown, Corgarff
Corgarff Hall requires upgrade
Crofts Mill could be restored. Lots of deserted farms need renovation.

Lonach hall

Old farm sites around Corgarff. The old Smiddy could be developed into a farrier business if the estate would release buildings for development

Lonach hall is listed but not enough money to renovate it

Glen Buchat hall - repair for community use

local bridges have already been spoilt by so-called upgrading

Corgarff/Glenbuchal Castle

Corgarff Castle

Glen Buchat Castle

Balloch school

Lonach community club rooms Bellabeg

Balloch sch in Glen Buchat, limekilns in Glen Buchat

bothys need to be restored and maintained, Badenyon, GlenBuchat (typical farm community)

Gordon watchtower

old Bellach school

water sawmill at Bellageg

Question 8 : what and where - landscape features

View from Cockbridge - Lecht road up to Delnadamp & Ben Avon

Military rd

Old road from Heughhead to Colnataichan - could be enhanced with improved interpretation/signage.

military road at Corgarff

the Doune, Strathdon

lime kilns - a few, not all

all preserved

Poldhouie bridge opposite sch

Glen Noughty

Question 8 : what and where, archeo sites

round houses

Improved signage/interpretation re military road to Corgarff Castle, Wade bridges and also Lonach Baronets Cairns.

renovate mill

Doune of Invernochty

the Doune Bellabeg

Corgarff Castle

Glen Buchat, old kirk 7 old mill, old dyke on deochry road, Glen Buchat, Doune in Strathdon undermined by rabbits

earth house at Newe where important finds were made in 1930

as above

Doune

Doune at Invernochty

limekilns

Doune of Invernochty shld be like Peel of lumphanan

Question 8 : what and where - historic sites

Old military road from Cockbr to Glen Gairn rd needs doing
Ruins Colquhonnies Htl
Improved signage/interpretation re military road to Corgarff Castle, Wade bridges and also
Lonach Baronets Cairns.
Mound Bellabeg
as above
Doune
smiddy (Corgarff)
Doune of Invernochty is a disgrace
Doune of Invernochty - very important
Duff's defiance
old drove road
Eirde house shld be relocated

Question 8 : Q8 other

Badenyon Castle site
Poldullie bridge (1715) is a disgrace
old military road

Question 9a location - commercial wind farms

Has CNPA chosen to ban these?
economic nonsense
unoccupied glen in Ladder Hills
plenty of remote hills only used by shooting parties
one large wind farm sensitively sited

Question 9b location - commercial HE

no available water
not possible
within steep glens
River Don

Question 9c location - commercial biomass

Sensitively sited plant could create employment and provide sufficient quantity of wood fuel
to enable greater use of renewables.
revisit when technology improves and is more effective

Question 9d location - community wind turbines

Corgarff picnic site or nearby
could work in innovative new designs
if small scale
if viable and could be produced cheaper than the national monopolies
Glen Garvie - 1 to 2 turbines and Glen Buchat?

Question 9e location - community HE

if small scale
as above

Question 9f location - community biomass

could work in innovative designs re additional housing
if small scale
don't know what's involved
as above
Bellabeg - Candacraig est are keen to progress

Question 9g other

there is enough timber for local heating and electrical projects
Renewable energy is a noble idea but I question the economic benefits per household as I find my total energy costs to be 1/4 the yearly council tax. Any savings from renewable energy will probably not even offset the rise in council tax.

Question 10 Other developments - general overall answer

Make more of area provide more for tourists
no large wind farms in the park
restrict community art projects, protect natural heritage and remove incongruous items such as totem
picnic sites and information boards need regular attention. Lecht road has several unauthorised stops.
no large housing estates

Question 10 Developments wanted in community?

scope for improved tourism facilities in Donside
Active social engagement of community to meet and work together on projects, and support local initiatives, eg Lonach Hall.
no
Traditional industries eg. weaving, carpentry, farriers, crafts. Local produce developments eg. Lamb
pole and concrete slabs by the kirk
pping areas which are a mess. one or two properly serviced sites are required
more tourists attracted by improved facilities at Lecht - eg summer attractions like guided walks/orienteering. another hotel and restaurant would be welcome.
historic/interpretive centre for Strathdon. Farmers market type enterprise supporting local farmers/produce

Question 10 Developments not wanted in community

Don't like road straightening - increases speeds and isn't aesthetic
do not change the countryside into housing - if housing is needed, renovate some of the derelict houses.
caravan sites

Question 10 Developments wanted in National Park

keep developing all weather activities to keep park attr to tourists - alternatives to outdoor activities in bad weather
Sensitively sited business developments, rural business centres (incubation units) incl. light industry should be encouraged, eg IT, food processing, crafts, manufacturing.
more traditional style properties of modest proportions

Question 10 Developments not wanted in National Park

large scale heavy industry n/a to park area
Theme parks - no no no!
would not like to see a nuclear power station!
no waste dumping of any kind, nuclear power, military etc
theme parks

Question 11 other

it's unspoiled and not only tourist orientated
its remoteness & altitude

Question 12 description - environmental

NP wilderness areas must be preserved
more to highlight /educate
promotion of agri-environment uptake on farms
Fund programs to deliver awareness of unique qualities, eg Strathdon as a destination of choice.
Rangers appointed to see proper use of walks and access to sporting land
carpark at Corgarff is used by people staying in cars or tents. as there is no toilet, these people defecate in the picnic area which is used by children. this is a great concern to locals.
insensitive planting and indiscriminate building should not be allowed
the focus of the park should be preservation of the environment, not development of business facilities.
put pylon power cables underground and remove unused lines
less hard edged forestry
Too many hawks decimating birds on bird table
managing to balance access & wilderness
care must be taken not to ruin sensitive areas with path network

Question 12 description - cultural

further promotion of arts incl. music, drama etc
Fund Strathdon festival and arts activities all year round.
knowledge of history and languages (doric) should be encouraged
fewer holiday/2nd homes

Question 12 description - sustainability

sustainable housing and facilities to improve/increase critical mass of remote communities.

Depopulation, lack of economic infrastructure and decline of traditional activities, need new stuff.
affordable homes for young couples crucial to sustainability
Strathfest needs resurrecting to attract tourists, therefore money and suitable accommodation of various types needed
Need to make sure that developments created help to sustain employment and create possibilities for new housing.
low cost housing to bring in families to the area and employment
help towards sustaining farming and sporting community which is important economic and employment provider

small business support: filling station, shop, post office
jobs with longterm future and prospects
grants for small scale environmentally motivated businesses
Cader - put fences back to stop deer ruining the habitat
greater effort for marketing local produce such as quality meat and game etc.

CNPA Local Plan Consultation

Community Council Area		Donside
Meeting & Date		Doune Sheltered Housing 9th Nov 2004 and Lonach Hall 17th November
Staff/Facilitators present		Jean Henretty, Pip Mackie
Numbers attending		7 & 24
Issue	Comments (and location, if applicable)	No. of similar comments
Housing	Rental accommodation better for elderly. No worries about repairs etc.	
	Low pay area – local people cannot afford to buy homes.	
	Infill low cost housing next to police station - Poldhullie	
	Opportunity for 3-5 houses in Roughpark	
	Develop derelict farmhouses and steadings all around Glenbucket	2
	Housing at Waterside for first time buyers and pensioners	
	Restore derelict houses before building new ones.	2
	Cluster of 3-5 houses Bellabeg	
	Disagree to housing next to Gowanbrae	
Business	Not the same number of jobs available on estates as in the past.	
	Cautious about increased tourism and increased tourist accommodation.	
	Tourism development behind Failte Poldhullie	
	No development at Newe which may pollute river.	
Protected Sites	Doune	
	Make Doune a major feature for residents and visitors	
	Doune – footpath needed and repair fences and dyke.	
Community Facilities	Elderly well served at Lonach Hall.	
	Corgaff hall foundations need replacing & building restored.	2
	Develop Club rooms, Bellabeg	2
	Improve playground at Bellabeg	
Infrastructure	Public car park at Doune needs repaired.	
	Lack of road signs – GP, public toilets.	3
	Public toilets not always open.	
	Community bus services adequate.	
	Corgaff carpark should be replaced by a natural pond used for skating in winter.	2
	Cars should not park opposite the Bellabeg shop	
	Scrap Corgaff carpark – it is used as a public toilet	
	View points and stopping places on Lecht road	
	A sign for Forbestown	
	Road narrow opposite Bellabeg shop	
Renewable Energy	No wind farms	
	Consider small water power schemes. What and where in the past could be used again	
	Remove existing pylons	2
Environment	Pleasant place to live, don't change it.	
	Fill Doune moat with water	
	Divert the Bardrach burn round the Doune	
	Return Dunandhu to moorland	
	Return Badnash to moorland	
Cultural	Glenbucket old church	

Design	Park Villa (Roughpark) needs restored	
	Smiddy needs restored	
Comments compiled by:		Jean Henretty

CNPA Local Plan Consultation		
Community Council Area	Donside	
Meeting & Date	Lonach Hall 18th November	
Staff/Facilitators present	Jean Henretty, Pip Mackie, Eleanor McIntosh, Gavin Miles	
Numbers attending	15	
Issue	Comments (and location, if applicable)	No. of similar comment
Housing	Affordable rent & buy	
	Within existing settlements	
	Not in open countryside but steading conversion should be encouraged	
	Less ribbon development – small enclaves	
	Use sites of derelict buildings for new homes	
	Deskryside – sporadic development has created new ribbon development	
	Opposite Forbestown in field Field behind Poldhullie Cottages Corgarff - few sites	
	Need control over affordable housing - rent not buy and sell on for huge profit - possibly look at more council and housing association schemes - long term buy and/or rent to buy	
Business	Need consider who housing is for? Young families/starter homes create businesses/jobs create housing keep sustainable community Nothing available on market at moment to buy.	
	Craft, tourism, IT, garden nurseries	
	Manufacturing not likely	
	Steading conversions	
	“Clubbie” room (Bellabeg) opportunity	
	Steading next to Colquhonnies Hotel. - development under specific restraints from Aberdeenshire Local Plan at present possible opportunity for small scale recreation facilities including possible gymnasium/10 pin bowling (encourage families to visit)/snooker/spa facilities (Jacuzzi/beauty treatments/hairdressing) - nearest at Craigendarroch Hotel Ballater, more sustainable as community able to use facilities not just reliant on visitors, good siting due to not being near homes also could be converted for self catering accommodation - but this is a seasonal reliant business	
	Land opposite Mill of Newe Fishery - Plans suggested for having small Landmark venture on site - possible problems: access/employment/visitors drive in and out but don't stay in area	
	Lecht - Karts - query how often used in summer - perhaps something more low key but sustainable	
	Site behind Poldhullie Cottages - Possible business site - no suggestions as to what kind of businesses	
	Manufacturing - Pannanich Wells given as example also small workshops in area for joinery/electricians etc.	
Youth club required		

Community Facilities	Youth club required	
	Shop at Clontarf on Reservoir - already something doing with - possible coffee shop/community craft centre - parking could be difficult with playground situated so close.	
Infrastructure	Roads are quite good, more snowploughs in winter	
	Community bus in place. Dial a bus quite popular	
	Water no real problems with private supplies	
	Problem with mains being pumped uphill from Lumsden, could have been sourced more locally.	
	Keep private water supplies	
	New dial-a-bus service delighted - great service	
	Minibus/Taxi service from pub	
	Roads Ok - better than most	
	Ditches Require regular cleaning/maintenance	
	Trees Regular tree trimming required at roadside	
	Pavement desperately required from Forbestown to Bellabeg - dangerous for pedestrians at moment	
	Proposed path from Roughpark to War Memorial welcomed	
	Access to River Don - fences perhaps require stiles to allow fishermen access to river - possible bridges over Don - has been project to rebuild already - people liked/landowners didn't - bridges fell into disrepair (examples along Don)	
	Mast sharing good idea, good if masts situated in wooded areas or disguised/masked/operator plant trees round masts in more exposed areas	
	General Wade Road - bulldozed.	
	Closure of bothy's discourages walkers	
	Forestry operations - tidy up after especially tracks	
Lecht Car Park - plant native species - soften view		
Doone - removal of trees to side was improvement allows better views		
Colquhonnies Castle - Make feature of - improve with fencing/lighting/tidying up at moment unsafe		
Weddings at Hall good photo opportunity		
Could have interpretation board/tourist attraction		
Debate about who owns Castle		
Have a broad design guidelines - boxy bungalows have been allowed but high quality log buildings have been refused.		
Housing needs to be cost efficient even if of a high standard.		
Eco Housing could be looked into - Corgarriff - triple glazing.		
Central Chimneys - like Mill of Newe/Roadside, Corgarriff		
Renewable Energy	Wind 1 for 5 against	
	New houses should be built sustainably	
	Existing hydro site could be updated	
	Hydro scheme - could be acceptable	
	Wind Power - noisy and high maintenance - small ones to provide power for 1 farm/house is ok.	
	Solar - can look unsightly	
Eco design can minimise energy requirements		
Environment	The Doone restored	
	Paths new developments helping current position, more needed in Tornasheen area	
	Timber buildings required	
	No uniform design	
	Dykes to be restored	
	Too many signs in area - can they be contained and kept together?	
	Too many signs for same attraction.	

	Traditional house can look out of place in wrong location but modern design house can look great in right location - each should be judged on merits	
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Additional Written Representations

Issue	Comments	Received from:
Various	Need for flexibility in the planning process, in building design, and in Local Plan zoning. The A937 Lecht Road should have more official stopping-laybys. Need for Lecht pylon line to be removed.	M.Tuck
Various	Suggestions for various development sites in the general Strathdon area.	Candacraig Estate