

<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Issue:</b>	<b>Policy 30 - Gypsies/Travellers and Travelling Show People</b>	
<b>Objector(s):</b>	Mr P J Swan	<b>Objection ref(s):</b> 462h
	P Brough	497b
	H and BC Wright	498b
	Brian Gibson	514b
	Mr and Mrs Hepburn	516b
	Mr and Mrs Milne	519b
	Mrs R MacNamee	528b
	Victor Jordan	537e
	Capt J Schuneman	538b

<b>Reporter</b>	Mrs Jill Moody
<b>Procedure:</b>	Informal hearing

## 1.0 Overview

- 1.1 This statement sets out the Cairngorms National Park Authority response to the objections raised to the Deposit Local Plan as modified (CD6.11, 12 and 13) in respect of Policy 30: Gypsies/Travellers and Travelling Show People, and supplements the response made to those objections by the Cairngorms National Park Authority in its reports to Committee (CP7.3, CD7.4 and CP7.3). It suggests no further change be made to the policy content.

## 2.0 Provision of the Local Plan

- 2.1 Policy 30 within the Deposit Local Plan as modified gives policy guidance to allow a consistent framework for development proposals and for the assessment of applications for the development of sites for Gypsies/Travellers and Travelling Show People. During the current transitional arrangements set out in the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Development Planning) (Saving, Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Order 2008, the policy is intended to provide an appropriate level of guidance to meet the requirements of SPPI (CP2.2 para 37-38), Scottish Planning Policy (CP2.1 para 15-18) and SPP3 (CP2.4 para 83-86) and ensure that such proposals are considered in a consistent way.
- 2.2 The Policy has been added as an additional policy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> modifications to the Deposit Local Plan to ensure appropriate compliance with SPP3 (CP2.4 para 83-86) and establish the considerations which will be taken into account in the determination of proposals for the development of such sites. The background text clarifies the reasoning behind the inclusion of the policy, and the options for inclusion of allocation sites within the Proposal maps. No sites are included.

## 3.0 Summary of objection(s)

- 3.1 Nine objections raising one issue have been lodged to this policy and wish to have their objections considered by informal hearing:
- The introduction of this policy is a substantial change to the plan and could introduce a social issue into the Park area. Wider consultation should therefore be undertaken. **(462b, 497b, 498b, 514b, 516b, 519b, 528b, 537e, 538b )**

#### **4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority Response**

- The policy through the 2<sup>nd</sup> modifications has been added to ensure compliance with SPP3 (CD2.4) and allow proposals for sites for Gypsies/Travellers and Travelling Show People to be properly considered. The policy has been included following appropriate procedures, and is therefore in accordance with government guidance on the topic, and an appropriate policy for a Local Plan. **(462b, 489b, 497b, 514b, 516b, 519b, 528b, 537e, 538b )**

#### **5.0 CNPA Commendation to Reporter**

- 5.1 The CNPA commend to the Reporter that the objections to the issues as listed above are rejected and the policy retained as drafted.
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#### **6.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence**

- 6.1 **462b, 497b, 498b, 514b, 516b, 519b, 528b, 537e, 538b** – have objected to the inclusion of the policy as it may encourage a potential social issue into the park, and is of such a substantial nature that additional consultation is required within communities.
- 6.2 SPP3 (CD2.4) in paragraph 83–86 gives clear guidance on the need to consider the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers within housing need and demand assessments and local housing strategies. These local housing strategies inform the Local Plan and its policies. This approach to accommodating the needs of travelling people is supported directly by the Scottish Government, as reiterated through recent correspondence to all Heads of Planning. (CD8.10) Within the National Park, the local housing strategies, developed by the 4 Local Authorities have considered this need, and have not identified any site specific need within the boundary of the National Park. It is not therefore anticipated that any major sites for development will come forward for consideration and as a result no sites have been identified within the proposals maps.
- 6.3 However it is considered appropriate to include a policy within the Local Plan to allow for the proper and consistent assessment of any proposals that do come forward. The inclusion of the policy follows comment from the Scottish Government on the plan at deposit and 1<sup>st</sup> modification stages. No further change is therefore proposed.

#### **7.0 List of documents (including Core Documents)**

- CD2.1 Scottish Planning Policy 2008 Parts 1 and 2
- CD2.2 SPPI The Planning System
- CD2.4 SPP3 Planning for Housing 2003 and 2008
- CD6.11 Deposit Local Plan
- CD6.12 Deposit Local Plan 1<sup>st</sup> modifications
- CD6.13 Deposit Local Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> modifications
- CD7.3 CNPA Committee Report Consultation May 2008
- CD7.4 CNPA Committee Report 1<sup>st</sup> Modifications October 2008
- CD7.5 CNPA Committee Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Modifications February 2009
- CD8.10 Planning for Travelling Showpeople – Scottish Government Feb 2009

## **8.0 Cairngorms National Park Authority Witnesses for Informal Hearing**

- Karen Major – Local Plan/Policy Officer