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Issue:	Policy 31 - Integrated and Sustainable Transport Network		
Objector(s):	Ballater (RD) Ltd	Objection ref(s):	076d
	Mr and Mrs Houston		096d
	P Brough		497c
	H and BC Wight		498c
	Brian Gibson		514c
	Mr and Mrs Hepburn		516c
	Mr and Mrs Milne		519c
	Mrs R MacNamee		528c
	Capt J Schuneman		538c

Reporter	Mrs Jill Moody
Procedure	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 (CD6.12, 6.13 and 6.14) in respect of Policy 30: Integrated and Sustainable Transport Network, and supplements the response made to those objections by the Cairngorms National Park Authority in its reports to Committee (CD7.3,4 and 5). It suggests a further modification is made to the Plan in respect of this policy to clarify when the policy will be applied.

2.0 Provision of the Local Plan

2.1 Policy 31 within the Deposit Local Plan as modified gives policy guidance to allow a consistent framework for development proposals and for the assessment of applications have an impact on the integrated and sustainable transport network within the National Park. 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 (CD2.2 para 37-38) and Scottish Planning Policy (CD2.1 para 15-18) and ensure that the impact any development has on the sustainable transport network is considered in a consistent way.

2.2 The Policy has been modified in the 1st modifications to the Deposit Local Plan to list methods by which developments may consider making the necessary contribution. The background text to support the policy has been modified in the 1st modifications to highlight the importance of integrated transport in the Park, and to clarify the role of government guidance relating to transport. The importance of Green Travel Plans and the need to consider all options for travel are also highlighted.

2.3 2nd modifications to the wording of the supporting text have also been made to create a clearer link between the policy and SPPI7 (CD2.12), PAN 75(CD4.21), and the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (CD8.1).

2.4 In considering objection 026g dealt with through formal inquiry made to this policy, and how the policy will be implemented on adoption, it is now considered that a further modification is

necessary to ensure the policy wording is appropriate and reflects the requirements to be placed on all types of development proposal.

Further Modification for consideration by Inquiry:

Policy 31 – policy text 1st Para: ‘*Development proposals will seek, where appropriate, to make a positive contribution ...*’

This is an officer recommendation which has not been endorsed by the CNPA Board.

3.0 Summary of objection(s)

3.1 Nine objections raising one issue have been lodged to this policy and the objectors wish to have their objection considered by informal hearing:

- The 2nd modifications have removed the policy and in doing so removed the developers’ responsibility to provide an integrated and sustainable transport system, to the detriment of residents of the Park who do not drive. The policy should be reinstated. **(076d, 096d, 497c, 498c, 514c, 516c, 519c, 528c, 538c)**

4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority Response

- The policy through the 2nd modifications has not been deleted. A degree of confusion has arisen due to erroneous numbering of policies at this stage. All policies will be numbered in sequence prior to publication. The objections relate to the deletion, and as this has not occurred, the issue will be resolved prior to publication. **(076d, 096d, 497c, 498c, 514c, 516c, 519c, 528c, 538c)**

5.0 CNPA Commendation to Reporter

5.1 It is commended to the Reporter that the objections to the issue raised are rejected and the policy retained as drafted with future numbering of policies corrected to follow sequentially.

6.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence

6.1 **076d, 096d, 497c, 498c, 514c, 516c, 519c, 528c, 538c** – have objected to the deletion of the policy and seek its reinstatement. The 2nd modifications did not delete the policy, and confusion has occurred as a result of erroneous numbering published at this stage of the consultation. The policy however remains part of the Plan.

6.2 Following the findings of the Inquiry and prior to adoption and publication this numbering issue will be resolved, with policies numbered sequentially as they are found in the plan. The issue is therefore considered to have been addressed.

7.0 List of documents (including Core Documents)

- CD2.1 Scottish Planning Policy 2008 Parts 1 and 2
- CD2.2 SPPI The Planning System
- CD4.21 PAN 75 Planning for Transport – Transport Assessment and Implementation
- CD6.12 Deposit Local Plan
- CD6.13 Deposit Local Plan 1st modifications
- CD6.14 Deposit Local Plan 2nd modifications

- CD7.3 CNPA Committee Report Consultation May 2008
- CD7.4 CNPA Committee Report 1st Modifications October 2008
- CDP7.5 CNPA Committee Report 2nd Modifications February 2009
- CD8.1 Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG)

8.0 Cairngorms National Park Authority Witnesses for Informal Hearing

- Karen Major – Local Plan/Policy Officer