

Badenoch & Strathspey Conservation Group
STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE
Hearing Session

Provision of the Local Plan

Tables 2, 3 and 4

Summary of objection(s)

These Tables should also provide information on areas of land required for the numbers of houses allocated, and should provide the total area of land within the proposed settlement boundaries of each settlement, and the proportion of this that is proposed for built development in the LP allocations.

The Tables should also provide a breakdown of the areas of land of different habitats (birch woodland etc) in the proposed allocations in each settlement, and the total area of that habitat in the whole CNP area.

This information would enable the CNPA and the public to adequately judge the impact in terms of land converted to built development in each community, and what habitats are being lost to development as a proportion of this habitat within the NP.

This information would enable a better understanding of the impact of the proposed allocations on the natural heritage of the NP and on the land and habitat resources.

The Tables should also provide information on the number of present houses and present population in each settlement. This information would enable the public and the CNPA to better assess the environmental and social aspects of allocations proposed.

Table 2: number of units proposed – additional 200 in household projection, 475 open market allowance and 214 flexibility allowance.

Table 3: addition of 206 units.

The CNPA in their analysis state “development will not therefore occur to the detriment of the natural resources of the Park or undermine its aims”.

We dispute this. Built development as allocated will undoubtedly and predictably have significant adverse impacts on many important aspects of the natural heritage of the Park, and conflict with the 1st and 3rd (through impacting negatively on paths, views, etc) and 4th (through impacting negatively on visitor experiences, and options for countryside-based businesses) aims.

Recommendation.

Include additional information in Tables:

- Areas of land required for the numbers of houses allocated;
- Total area of land within the proposed settlement boundaries of each settlement;
- The proportion of this that is proposed for built development in the LP allocations.

- A breakdown of the areas of land of different habitats (birch woodland etc) in the proposed allocations in each settlement;
- The total area of that habitat in the whole CNP area;
- The number of present houses;
- The present population in each settlement.

Omit 200 houses in household projection, 475 in open market allowance and 214 in flexibility allowance in Table 2.

Omit the added 206 units in Table 3.