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Issue:	Settlements – omissions	
Objector(s):	Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council	Objection ref(s): 416p

Reporter	Mr Hugh Begg
Procedure	Written representations

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 and CD6.13) in respect of the omission within the plan of certain settlements which objectors seek identified as Rural Settlements. It 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 no further change be made to the rural settlements identified or the proposals maps.

2.0 Provision of the Local Plan

- 2.1 The Local Plan within Section 7 identifies a number of Rural Settlements, as part of the hierarchy of settlements including strategic, intermediate and rural. The settlements listed have been amended in both 1st and 2nd modifications to modify those included. The final list comprises Bellabeg, Dinnet and Insh. The settlements are identified in recognition of their role in local communities, and to highlight possible opportunities for small amounts of growth to support local communities. Outwith the identified areas, Policy 23: Housing Development in Rural Building Groups provides additional opportunity for growth within groups of three or more dwellings.
- 2.2 Within the Proposals Maps the boundaries for rural settlements are identified.

3.0 Summary of objection(s)

One objection raising one issue has been lodged to these proposals and wish to have their objections considered by written representation:

- Are there no opportunities for development within Glenmore since it is not identified as a settlement within the plan and on the proposals map? **(416p)**

4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority response

- The approach to the identification of settlements has been taken to recognise a small number of settlements within communities where growth may be focused. Policy 23: Housing Development in Rural Building Groups also allows for further development within small groups of houses to support local communities. The approach has been taken to reflect the ad hoc aspirations of communities to support growth. The approach is considered appropriate to allow growth in support of local communities and no further change is therefore proposed. **(416p, 425w))**

5.0 CNPA Commendation to Reporter

- 5.1 It is commended to the Reporter that the objection is rejected. No issues are raised that could lead the Cairngorms National Park Authority to consider that the proposals within the Plan are

deficient. The wording of the policies relating to rural building groups and housing development within settlement boundaries should therefore be retained.

6.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence

6.1 **416p** seeks clarity on the development opportunities at Glenmore, as it is not identified as a settlement within the Plan. Policy 23: Housing Development in Rural Building Groups provides opportunity for growth within rural building groups, and Glenmore would fall within this policy. Opportunities do therefore exist for development that supports the local community, and no further changes are therefore considered necessary.

7.0 Strategic Issues

7.1 The settlement hierarchy supports the National Park Plan (CD7.1 page 67) where the strategic objectives to achieve sustainable communities recognises the need to focus settlement growth in the main settlements and plan for growth to meet community needs in other settlements. Objective b) sees the greatest levels of growth occurring in the main settlements and other settlements growing in a way which reflects not only community need, but also the scale and qualities of the settlements, as well as the viability of services and infrastructure present.

8.0 List of documents (including Core Documents)

- CD6.12 Deposit Local Plan 1st modifications
- CD6.13 Deposit Local Plan 2nd modifications
- CD7.1 Cairngorms National Park Plan 2007
- CD7.3 CNPA Committee Report Consultation May 2008
- CD7.4 CNPA Committee Report 1st Modifications October 2008
- CD7.5 CNPA Committee Report 2nd Modifications February 2009