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Issue:	General – Economic Development	
Objector(s)	Fergus Ewing MSP	Objection ref(s): 041

Reporter	Mrs Jill Moody and Mr Hugh Begg
Procedure	Written

1.0 Overview

1.1 This statement sets out the Cairngorms National Park Authority response to an objection raised to the Deposit Local Plan as modified in respect of General content on Economic Development, and supplements the response made to this objection by the Cairngorms National Park Authority in its report to Committee (CD7.3-7.5). It suggests no further change be made to the policy

2.0 Provision of the Local Plan:

2.1 The Deposit Local Plan in paras 5.12-5.20 and Policy 20 clearly expressed the importance of economic development to the Park’s communities and gave scope for a range of business opportunities. The 1st and 2nd modifications have expanded and clarified that position through the wider context in Section 2, the background in paras 5.77 – 5.87 (including reference to Enterprise Strategies) and in Policy 27. Reference should be made to evidence on the objections to Policy 27. The Local Plan as modified offers considerable scope for economic development proposals within and outside of settlements, but all consistent with National Park status and other policies in the Local Plan.

3.0 Summary of objection(s)

3.1 One objection raising one issue has been lodged on the general approach to economic development and has asked for consideration via the written procedure:

- Objects to lack of employment land in Newtonmore for constituent. **(041)**

4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority Response

4.1 The Deposit Local Plan in paras 5.12-5.20 and Policy 20 clearly expressed the importance of economic development to the Park’s communities and gave scope for a range of business opportunities. The 1st and 2nd modifications have expanded and clarified that position through the wider context in Section 2, the background in paras 5.77 – 5.87 and in Policy 27. Reference is made to evidence on objections to Policy 27. The Local Plan as modified offers considerable scope for economic development proposals within and outside of settlements and additional land has been allocated in Newtonmore. The Local Plan as modified offers considerable scope for economic development proposals within and outside of settlements, but consistent with National Park status and other policies in the Local Plan. The provisions in the Deposit Local Plan are therefore considered to be appropriate in terms of helping to deliver the National Park Plan and provide for the needs of communities within the Park.

5.0 CNPA Commendation to Reporter

5.1 It is commended to the Reporter that the objection to the general approach to economic development as listed above is rejected. No issues are raised that could lead the Cairngorms National Park Authority to consider the approach deficient.

6.0 Strategic issues

6.1 Section 2 of the Deposit Local Plan as modified and Topic Paper I “The Statutory National Park Context (CD7.21) between them clearly set out the strategic context.

7.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence

7.1 **041** Objection: Objects to lack of employment land in Newtonmore for constituent.

7.2 **Response:** The 1st modifications to the Local Plan allocated land in Newtonmore for economic development. Policy 27 offers considerable scope for the needs of Mr. Ewing’s constituent and anyone else with a business opportunity that is appropriate for the National Park context. It is considered that the Local Plan makes the necessary provision.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 It is commended to the Reporter that the objection to the general approach to economic development as listed above is rejected. No issues are raised that could lead the Cairngorms National Park Authority to consider the approach deficient.

9.0 List of documents (including Core Documents)

- CD1.3 The National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000
- CD7.21 Topic Paper I “Statutory National Park Context”
- CD6.13 Cairngorms National Park Deposit Local Plan as at 2nd modifications
- CD7.1 Cairngorms National Park Plan 2007
- CD7.3-7.5 CNPA Reports to Committee