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<b>Issue:</b>	<b>General – Links to other plans/policies</b>		
<b>Objector(s):</b>	North East Mountain Trust	<b>Objection ref(s):</b>	443a
<b>Reporter</b>	Mrs Jill Moody and Mr Hugh Begg		
<b>Procedure</b>	Written		

## 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 in respect of general content on links to other plans and supplements the response made to those objections by the Cairngorms National Park Authority in its report to Committee (CD7.3-7.5). No changes are proposed.

## 2.0 Provision of the Local Plan:

- 2.1 The Deposit Local Plan as modified makes appropriate references to Scottish Planning Policy and wider national and international policy context, explains the relationship with the National Park Plan, and in Section 3 and Policy 1 sets out the position on special qualities and contribution of development to collective achievement of the 4 aims, with para 3.4 clarifying the issue of weight to be attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> aim. The mDLP is the result of an iterative and continuous process of consultation which includes the previous Consultative Draft. The wider international policy context and issues relating to climate change and carbon footprint have been addressed.

## 3.0 Summary of objection(s)

- 3.1 1 objections raising 1 issue has been lodged on the general issue of links to other plans/policies:
- Needs to take more cognisance of other international conventions including European Landscape Convention and the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, take account of Climate Change and insights derived from research into tourism in other areas. **(443a)**

## 4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority Response

- The wider national and international policy context and issues relating to climate change and carbon footprint have been addressed in the mDLP, both in the introductory sections and within the context of individual policies. The Plan has taken account of available research and its implementation will be monitored to ensure that it is being delivered and to inform the new Local Development Plan. Any relevant new research or other information available from tourism or other sectors within or outside the Park will be considered. No further changes are considered necessary. **(443a)**

## 5.0 CNPA Commendation to Reporter

- 5.1 It is commended to the Reporter that the objections to the general approach on links to other plans as listed above are rejected. No issues are raised that could lead the Cairngorms National Park Authority to consider the approach deficient.

## 6.0 Strategic issues

- 6.1 As set out in Topic Paper 1 “Statutory National Park Context” (CD7.21)

## **7.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence**

7.1 **(443a)**Objection: Objects, needs to take more cognisance of other international conventions including European Landscape Convention and the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, take account of Climate Change and insights derived from research into tourism in other areas.

7.2 **Response:** The wider national and international policy context and issues relating to climate change and carbon footprint have been addressed in the mDLP, both in the introductory sections and within the context of individual policies. The Plan has taken account of available research and its implementation will be monitored to ensure that it is being delivered and to inform the new Local Development Plan. Any relevant new research or other information available from tourism or other sectors within or outside the Park will be considered. No further changes are considered necessary.

## **8.0 Conclusions**

8.1 It is commended to the Reporter that the objections to the general approach on links to other plans as listed above are 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
- CD1.18 Cairngorms National Park Designation Order 2003
- CD7.21 Topic Paper 1 “Statutory National Park Context”
- CD6.13 Cairngorms National Park Deposit Local Plan as at 2<sup>nd</sup> modifications
- CD7.1 Cairngorms National Park Plan 2007
- CD7.3-7.5 CNPA Committee Reports