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Issue:	Policy 9 - Archaeology		
Objector(s):	North East Mountain Trust	Objection ref(s):	443d
	The Cairngorms Campaign		448d

Reporter	
Procedure	Written representation

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) in respect of Policy 9: Archaeology, 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 no further change be made to the policy.

2.0 Provision of the Local Plan

- 2.1 Policy 9 within the Deposit Local Plan as modified gives policy guidance to allow a consistent framework for development of proposals and for the assessment of applications which affect Scheduled Ancient Monuments and other nationally and regionally important archaeological resources, and their setting. 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 applications affecting such sites are determined in a consistent manner.
- 2.2 The Policy has been modified in the 1st modifications to the Deposit Local Plan with word changes to clarify a presumption in favour of preserving in situ the affected resource, and to correct the term used regarding archaeological appraisals. The background text has also been modified to include additional reference to Records where additional information may be found regarding sites, and to include reference to Scottish Government guidance which may also be taken into consideration when assessing the development proposal.

3.0 Summary of objection(s)

- 3.1 Two objections raising one issue have been lodged to this policy and wish to have their objections considered by written representation:
- Military roads should be included within the background text to this policy to highlight their significance within the Park. (443d, 448d)

4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority Response

- The issue of military roads is noted, and on consideration of the nature of protection to be afforded to such undesignated routes, specific mention of them has now been included within the supporting text of Policy 12: The Local and Wider Cultural Heritage of the Park. It is considered therefore that the issue has been addressed. (443d, 448d)

5.0 CNPA Commendation to Reporter

- 5.1 No issues are raised that could lead the Cairngorms National Park Authority to consider that the policy is deficient. It is therefore commended to the Reporter that these objections are rejected.
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6.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence

- 6.1 **443d and 448d** – have objected to the lack of particular reference to military roads within the policy, as they are of particular significance within the Park.
- 6.2 **Response:** Policy 9 relates to Scheduled Ancient Monuments and other nationally and regionally important archaeological resources and where appropriate, their setting. Where military roads fall within these categories, development proposals affecting them would be considered under this policy. Where not falling within these categories, the policy would not apply.
- 6.3 To recognise the significance of military roads within the Park, specific reference to them has been included in Policy 12: The Local and Wider Cultural Heritage of the Park Paragraph 4.69. (CD7.1) and forms part of the policy intended to protect, conserve or enhance non designated sites of cultural or historic significance.
- 6.4 The combination of the policies within the Plan therefore is considered adequate to deal with development proposals affecting military roads, and no further change is therefore proposed.

7.0 Strategic Issues

- 7.1 The National Park Plan recognises the importance of archaeology and sets as an objective that archaeological evidence and material records of previous generations will be well recorded and understood, actively cared for and safeguard as a key outcome for the next 25 years. (CD7.1 page 5)
- 7.2 The approach taken through the Local Plan policy supports this objective, and through its implementation will secure evidence and material for future generations.

8.0 List of documents (including Core Documents)

- CD2.1 Scottish Planning Policy 2008 Parts 1 and 2
- CD2.2 SPPI The Planning System
- CD6.12 Deposit Local Plan 1st 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