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Issue:	Policy 31 – Telecommunications	
Objector(s):	Dr A Watson	Objection ref(s): 0201

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 in respect of Policy 31:Telecommunications, 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 31 within the Deposit Local Plan as modified gives policy guidance on how telecommunications development proposals will be assessed. 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 for such development within the National Park adequately consider the impact that development will have on the special qualities of the Park.
- 2.2 The Policy has been modified in the 1st modifications to the Deposit Local Plan to clarify the aspects of development that are to be considered under the policy. It also clarifies the impact of underground lines in regard to natural and cultural heritage, and the role played by financial bonds. Greater clarity on the use of concealment promoted through PAN 62 (4.11) is also given in the supporting text. The Policy relates to all telecommunications development proposals within the National Park.

3.0 Summary of objection(s)

- 3.1 One objection raising one issue has been lodged to this policy and wish to have their objections considered by written representation:
- The wording misuses the terms ‘ecology’ and ‘archaeology’. **(0201)**

4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority Response

- The terms ‘ecology’ and ‘archaeology’ have been changed through 1st modifications, and the objection is therefore considered to have been addressed. **(0201)**

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 both of these objections are rejected.

6.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence

6.1 **0201** considers the wording within the policy misused the terms 'ecology' and 'archaeology'.

6.2 **Response:** To address this objection the terms were modified in the 1st modification. The objection stands, but is considered to have been addressed through this modification. No further change is therefore proposed.

7.0 List of documents (including Core Documents)

- CD2.1 Scottish Planning Policy 2008 Parts 1 and 2
- CD2.2 SPPI The Planning System
- CD4.11 PAN62 Radio Telecommunications
- 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