

<b>Date:</b>			
<b>Issue:</b>	<b>Policy Omission – Road Standards</b>		
<b>Objector(s):</b>	Reidhaven Estate	<b>Objection ref(s):</b>	456b

<b>Reporter</b>	
<b>Procedure</b>	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 omissions within the plan of a policy relating to road standards. 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 Plan.

## 2.0 Provision of the Local Plan

- 2.1 The Local Plan within Section 4-6 sets out a variety of policies which provide a development framework for the whole plan. These policies are to be considered together (Para 1.20) in the assessment of any development proposal. The Plan does not therefore contain numerous policies dealing with various forms of development, but rather sets a framework against which all eventualities can be assessed.

## 3.0 Summary of objection(s)

- The plan should contain a policy to establish road standards. **(456b)**

## 4.0 Summary of Cairngorms National Park Authority response

- The local plan provides a framework of policies to assess all forms of development rather than listing numerous policies on specific development types. The local plan also takes into consideration the National Park Plan (CD7.1) where there is greater detail on strategic considerations which further the aims of the Park. The National Park Authority however is not the Roads Authority, and cannot therefore set a standard within its Local Plan in this regard. **(456p)**

## 5.0 CNPA Commendation to Reporter

- 5.1 It is commended to the Reporter that this objection be rejected. No issues are raised that could lead the Cairngorms National Park Authority to consider that the policy was deficient.

## 6.0 Assessment / Scope of Evidence

- 6.1 **425p** object to the lack of particular reference to road standards, and in particular the number of houses that can be built on a road before requiring upgrade of that road.
- 6.2 Response: The purpose of the Local Plan is to provide a development framework for the whole Park, and create a clear and consistent method to guide development proposals and opportunities within the Park (para 1.6). The policies contained within the Plan are intended to

provide this clarity without setting out numerous policies on particular types of development. This will instead be considered under all the relevant policies of the Plan (Para 1.20).

- 6.3 The Plan does not however extent to contain the standards set by the 4 Roads Authorities which cover the Park Area. This work continues to lie with the Local Authorities. The National Park Authority continue through its close working relationship with these Local Authorities to discuss issues such as road standards, to ensure that the standards imposed reflect the National Park.
- 6.4 It is not considered appropriate to include a policy within the Plan which sets any standard imposed by the Roads Authority and through consultation with the Roads Authority as consultees in the development management process, the comments of them will be taken into account in the normal way.

## **7.0 List of documents (including Core Documents)**

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