

Ballater & Crathie Community Council

Supporting Statement to CNP Local Plan Enquiry:

The Community Council wishes maintain its objections to the Local Plan as submitted in its initial and subsequent submissions to the Cairngorm National Park.

The zoning of area H1 for housing, with up to 250 units, has met with considerable opposition from some elements of the community of Ballater.

The Community Council opposes the zoning for 250 units but supports the placement of housing on H1. The Council further supports that any future development of the settlement is carried out in accordance with the principles of environmental design as stated within the '**Ballater, Summary Report Booklet Enquiry by Design, November 2006**', [submitted as evidence].

As evidence of housing need the Community Council submits the figures '**Housing Requirement 2007-2009**' *source, Aberdeenshire Council.*

It is with considerable sadness that B&CC has to admit that the proposal to enlarge the 'housing stock' of Ballater has split parts of our community. Pressure to commit to enlargement to provide 'local housing for local people' may give rise to resentment at the perceived interference of newcomers to the village in conducting a movement to oppose all housing east of Monaltrie Park [H1]. The B&CCC would very much regret if this arose

With the much stated requirement to provide adequate employment and housing to retain our young people B&CCC consider it vital that the housing needs of Ballater be adequately addressed.

The following members of Ballater and Crathie CC will be in attendance at the appropriate hearings in which the subject of housing is to be presented:

Mr Robin Blyth, Chairman.
Miss Marybell Macaulay, Secretary
Mrs Pat Downie, Treasurer
Mrs Jane Angus.

Oral presentations will be given by Mr Robin Blyth, in his absence by Mrs Jane Angus or Miss Marybell Macaulay.