

Badenoch & Strathspey Conservation Group
STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE
Hearing Session

Provision of the Local Plan

Aviemore Additional Environment allocations

Summary of objection(s)

Land adjacent to the north settlement boundary of Aviemore and east of the main road should be zoned as Environment to make it clear that Aviemore will not spread further northwards across the Achantoul burn.

All the land within the settlement boundary surrounding the path between Milton Wood and the main road (part of the original orbital path) should be zoned as Environment to protect the environs of this important path.

These are both very important areas in terms of the setting of Aviemore and the quality of landscape, biodiversity and recreation. In view of how much quality countryside has already been lost in and around Aviemore during the CNPA's 5 years, it becomes all the more imperative that the CNPA secures these remaining areas for public use.

A buffer zone of Environment land should be secured around the north boundary of Craigellachie NNR.

The Milton (or Aviemore) Burn is an important water course, supporting otter and lamprey and providing a wonderful place for the public to play and enjoy that should receive specific protection in this Plan. During the CNPA's watch it has been badly impacted upon where it flows through the High Burnside development; it is very vulnerable to further major negative impacts from two other recently consented developments beside it.

Recommendation.

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