

Cairngorms National Park Deposit Local Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report

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Policy/Proposal		
Policy 1. Development in the National Park		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended outline the role of the aims of the National Park in planning decisions and to provide a context for all planning decisions in the Park.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives to this policy were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park.
8. To maintain and	+	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to

improve air quality		planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	+	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	+	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	++	The policy translates the aims of the National Park to planning policy. It therefore supports the coordinated delivery of all aims of the Park but also sets out the need to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy has been assessed as potentially having small positive effects on all SEA objectives. However, because it relates to the requirements of section 9 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 to give greater weight to the first aim in cases of conflict, it is considered to have potential to have significant positive effects on on the SEA objectives linked directly to natural and cultural heritage.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is required.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 2. Natura 2000 sites		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to outline the requirements of the Conservation (Natural Habitats & c) Regulations 1994.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	++	Policy provides strong protection for Natura sites and applies the Natura Regulations. This means that only in the exceptional cases outlined by the regulations would a development that would affect the integrity of a Natura site be permitted.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	++	Policy provides strong protection for Natura sites and applies the Natura Regulations. This means that only in the exceptional cases outlined by the regulations would a development that would affect the integrity of a Natura site be permitted.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	++	Policy provides strong protection for Natura sites and applies the Natura Regulations. It therefore protects ecosystems linked with Natura sites.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	++	Policy provides strong protection for Natura sites and applies the Natura Regulations. It therefore protects waterbodies linked with Natura sites.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	++	Policy provides strong protection for Natura sites and applies the Natura Regulations. It therefore protects catchment processes & hydrological systems linked with Natura sites.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	Policy provides strong protection for Natura sites and applies the Natura Regulations. Some aspects of landscape character are linked to Natura sites so the policy provides some implicit protection.
7. To ensure responsible access	=	The policy will not affect access opportunities or provision.

for all		
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy will not have significant effects on air quality.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy will have the effect of safeguarding some material assets but does not promote sustainable use.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect the historic environment.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to have significant effects on population.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to significant effects on the built environment. However, high quality sustainable design may be less likely to affect a Natura site.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides strong protection for Natura 2000 sites that may have a range of positive environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 3. Other National Natural Heritage Designations		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The policy protects national natural heritage designations within the National Park from development that would compromise their objectives or overall integrity unless there are nationally important reasons for the compromise. Even in such as case, the policy requires mitigation of qualities of equal importance to those lost.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	++	Policy provides strong protection for National natural Heritage designations.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	++	Policy provides strong protection for National natural Heritage designations.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	+	The policy provides protection for ecosystems linked to national natural heritage designations
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	+	The policy provides protection for water bodies linked to national natural heritage designations
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	+	The policy provides protection for catchment processes & hydrological systems linked to national natural heritage designations
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy provides protection for NSAs and some implicit protection for landscape features associated with other national natural heritage designations.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy will not affect access opportunities or provision.
8. To maintain and	=	The policy will not have significant effects on air quality.

improve air quality		
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy will have the effect of safeguarding some material assets but does not promote sustainable use.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect the historic environment.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to have significant effects on population.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to significant effects on the built environment. However, high quality sustainable design may be less likely to affect national natural heritage designations.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides national natural heritage designation with protection. This means it will have a range of positive environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 4. Other important natural and Earth heritage sites and features.		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy provides protection for a range of other natural heritage and earth heritage sites and features that are recognised as important or of particular interest.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives to the policy were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	++	The policy provides protection for a range of sites that may support priority species.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	++	The policy provides protection for a range of sites that may support priority habitats.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	++	The policy provides protection for a range of sites that are part of the ecosystems of the Park. In particular, ancient and semi-natural woodland sites provide a network of woodland habitats across the Park.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	+	The policy may provide some support for this objective by preventing harm to sites or habitats that are linked to water bodies.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	+	The policy may provide some support for this objective by preventing harm to sites or habitats that are part of hydrological systems and linked to catchment process.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	++	The policy provides some support for this objective by providing some protection for GCR sites and preventing harm to sites or habitats that may make a positive contribution to landscape character.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy will not affect access opportunities or provision.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy will not have significant effects on air quality.
9. To use natural	=	The policy will have the effect of safeguarding some

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		material assets but does not promote sustainable use.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect the historic environment.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to have significant effects on population.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to significant effects on the built environment. However, high quality sustainable design may be less likely to affect some of these sites.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides explicit protection for a range of identified natural heritage and earth heritage sites and interests. This means the policy has some positive environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 5. Protected Species		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The Policy is intended to reinforce the protection afforded to some species by law.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	++	The policy reinforces the statutory protection given to some species, including priority species.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	++	The policy reinforces the statutory protection given to some species, including priority species, that includes effects on their habitats.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	+	The policy reinforces the statutory protection given to some species, including priority species, that may include effects on their habitats/ ecosystems.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	+	The policy may have some positive effects by preventing harm to priority species' aquatic habitats.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
9. To use natural resources/material	\	

assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy reinforces the protection afforded to some species by law. This means that it may have some positive environmental effects linked to those species.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 6. Biodiversity		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy provides protection for a range of species and habitats that are considered important at a national and local level through the UKBAP, Cairngorms LBAP or Scottish Biodiversity list.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	++	The policy provides protection for a range of priority species and their habitats and requires appropriate mitigation and compensation for any harm or damage created by a development.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	++	The policy provides protection for a range of priority habitats and requires appropriate mitigation and compensation for any harm or damage created by a development.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	++	The policy provides protection for a range of priority species and habitats integral to the ecosystems of the Park. It also requires appropriate mitigation and compensation for any harm or damage created by a development.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	++	The policy provides protection for a range of priority species and habitats, some of which are linked to water body status. It also requires appropriate mitigation and compensation for any harm or damage created by a development.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	++	The policy provides some protection for habitats that are important to the hydrological systems of the Park.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy provides support for habitats that make a positive contribution to landscape character.
7. To ensure responsible access	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.

for all		
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy will have the effect of safeguarding some material assets but does not promote sustainable use.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect the historic environment.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to have significant effects on population.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to significant effects on the built environment. However, high quality sustainable design may be less likely to have negative effects of priority habitats and species, and can provide additional priority habitats or opportunities for priority species.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides a strong level of support for priority habitats and species that should have a range of positive environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 7. Landscape		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy protects the special landscape qualities of the Park but sets out the circumstances where adverse effects may be permitted.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy may have secondary benefits in helping to conserve some habitats of important species that contribute to landscape character.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy may have secondary benefits in helping to conserve some priority habitats that contribute to landscape character.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy may have secondary benefits in helping to conserve some habitat networks that contribute to landscape character.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	\	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	\	
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+++	The policy provides strong support for this objective and should lead to strongly positive effects on the special landscape qualities of the Park.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	\	
8. To maintain and improve air quality	\	
9. To use natural	\	

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	++	The policy provides protection for the historical and cultural aspects of the Park's special landscape qualities.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	\	
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	++	The policy provides protection for the character of settlements and requires new development to make a positive contribution to landscape character.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should have a positive effect on landscape character within the Park through by ensuring developments are sited and designed to make a positive contribution to the special landscape qualities or any adverse effects are minimised and mitigated.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 8. Gardens and designed landscapes		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy protects gardens and designed landscapes that are included in the inventory maintained by Historic Scotland.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	\	
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	\	
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	\	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	\	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	\	
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	++	The policy protects, preserves and enhances sites in the inventory of gardens and designed landscapes.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	\	
8. To maintain and improve air quality	\	

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	\	
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	++	The policy protects, preserves and enhances sites in the inventory of gardens and designed landscapes.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	\	
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy provides some implicit support for development that maintains character.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should have positive effects on objectives for the historic environment and landscape character.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 9. Archaeology		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy seeks to protect archaeological sites in situ wherever possible. The policy sets out possible requirements of developers if the case for preservation in situ is not strong enough.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	\	
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	\	
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	\	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	\	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	\	
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy will help to protect archaeological elements of the landscape.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	\	
8. To maintain and improve air quality	\	
9. To use natural	\	

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	+	The policy supports the preservation of archaeological resources in situ and protects their setting wherever possible. The importance of the archaeological feature will determine the weight given to it in determining applications.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	\	
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	\	
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should conserve archaeological remains and feature wherever possible. This should minimise negative effects on historic elements of the landscape and the historic environment and may have small positive effects where protection of sites in situ is appropriate.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 10. Listed buildings		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy protects listed buildings from development that would harm the integrity or features of special historic or architectural interest they have unless the building cannot be used or restored.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	\	
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	\	
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	\	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	\	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	\	
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy will help to maintain landscape character where listed buildings contribute to it.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	\	
8. To maintain and improve air quality	\	

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	\	
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy will contribute to the preservation of the historic elements of listed buildings.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	\	
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy supports the preservation of the distinctive architecture of listed buildings
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy has a specific role in protecting listed buildings that will lead to some small positive effects for landscape character and the character of the built environment.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 11. Conservation Areas		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to preserve or enhance the character of Conservation Areas.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	\	
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy provide protection for trees in conservation areas that may help to maintain some priority habitats that contribute to the character of Conservation areas
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	\	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	\	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	\	
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	\	
7. To ensure responsible access for all	\	
8. To maintain and improve air quality	\	
9. To use natural resources/material	\	

assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	Conservation areas may include archaeological sites and elements of the historic environment that may contribute to the character and interest of the Conservation Area.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	\	
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy provides positive support for maintaining and enhancing the character of the built environment in Conservation Areas
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides support for the character and quality of the built environment where Conservation Areas exist.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 12. The local and wider cultural heritage of the Park		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to avoid and minimise any adverse effects of development on the cultural heritage of the Park.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy may support this objective where the cultural heritage feature that is protected makes a positive contribution to landscape or cultural character.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The policy may support this objective where the cultural heritage feature that is protected provides opportunities for access.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	\	
9. To use natural	\	

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	+	The policy may support this objective where the cultural heritage feature that is protected is a site or feature linked to the historic environment
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy may support this objective where the cultural heritage feature that is protected contributes to the character of the built environment.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy may have a range of small positive effects where it protects features of cultural heritage significance.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 13. Water resources		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to protect the water environment from significant harm, minimise and avoid flood risks, minimise the use of water and manage surface and foul water discharges in the most sustainable and safest ways.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternative were considered to the main points of the policy.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	+	The policy provide some implicit protection for priority species that live within or are affected by the water environment.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	++	The policy provides protection for priority habitats linked to the water environment
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	++	The policy provides protection for ecosystems linked to the water environment.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	++	The policy provides strong support for the water environment and states that no significant adverse effects will be permitted.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	++	The policy provides strong support for the water environment and states that no significant adverse effects will be permitted. It explicitly deal with flood management and sustainable drainage solutions as well requiring the prevention of pollution that could have significant adverse effects.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
8. To maintain and	\	

improve air quality		
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	++	The policy explicitly requires development to minimise water use.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	\	
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	By managing water resources in a sustainable way, the policy should help to provide long term opportunities for sustainable living.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The minimisation of the use of water should minimise use of energy. The supporting text for the policy also encourages minimal energy use solutions to water treatment facilities.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	\	
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides strong protection for the water environment. This means that it should have a range of positive environmental effects on SEA objectives linked to the water environment.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 14. Earth Resources		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The Policy sets out how proposals for mineral extraction and peat extraction will be considered, how development that might sterilise workable mineral reserves will be considered, and how developments must consider their effects on soils.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>The policy links mineral extraction to markets within the Park for its use or the social or economic benefits that will be derived from it.</p> <p>The alternative approach considered was not to have this requirement, and to simply assess proposals for mineral extraction on their environmental and other effects. It was decided that while mineral extraction can have a range of adverse environmental effects, material will be needed within the Park and that the most sustainable source for the material will often also be from the Park. For this reason the local market and benefits clauses were added to the policy.</p> <p>No other alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.

6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	+	The policy should will not allow new peat extraction, and will minimise soil disturbance from development, both of which can release pollutants and carbon into the atmosphere. The policy also requires the environmental effects of mineral extraction to be minimised (including the generation of dust and airborne pollutants)
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	++	The policy promotes the conservation of mineral and soil resources where reasonable.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	\	
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy has potential to have a range of negative effects that will be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan. It should have a positive effect on objective 9, “use natural resources in a sustainable way” by promoting the conservation of mineral and soil resources where reasonable.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 15. Contaminated land		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The policy is intended to outline that information on the nature and risks associated with contaminated sites will be required before planning applications can be considered and that developers will need to demonstrate that the development of the site will not result in adverse environmental effect before planning permission will be granted.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy may contribute to improvement of water body status where development of contaminated land removes pollutants from the water environment. It could also have negative effects if the development of a contaminated site released pollutants into the water environment but other policies in the Plan should mitigate such risks.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	+	The policy may contribute to improvement of water body status where development of contaminated land removes pollutants from the water environment.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
8. To maintain and	+	The policy may contribute to improvement of air quality

improve air quality		where development of contaminated land removes pollutants that could become airborne.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	+	The policy encourages re-use and de-contamination of land.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy may contribute to improvement of air quality where development of contaminated land removes pollutants that could affect human health.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	\	
13. To reduce waste and pollution	+	The policy should reduce pollution from contaminated land.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy may have a range of small positive effects by reducing pollution and potential for pollution.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 16. Energy generation		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to support the development of small scale renewable energy schemes and micro generation schemes.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
In considering the policy, the possibility of large scale commercial wind and hydro power schemes were considered. It was decided that such schemes would never comply with the policies of the Plan seeking to protect species, habitats, landscape or the water environment whereas smaller schemes could comply with the protective policies by virtue of their potentially smaller negative effects.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
7. To ensure responsible access	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in

for all		the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	+	The policy has potential to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and improve air quality
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	+	The policy has potential to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and improve air quality
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	++	The policy supports sustainable energy production.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	\	
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	While the policy has potential to have negative environmental effects on this objective, earlier policies in the Plan will prevent significant negative effects.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should have small positive effects on objectives for air quality and the sustainable use of natural resources. It has potential to have significant positive effects in terms of sustainable energy production.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 17. Sustainable Development		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy sets out the considerations of sustainable development that will need to be incorporated in all development proposals.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
7. To ensure	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA

responsible access for all		objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	+	
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides broad general support for all SEA objectives. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 18. Design standards for new development		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The policy introduces design standards that will be applied and notes they will be further clarified through a Sustainable Design Guide and checklist for the Park. The outlines the measure needed to minimise and avoid conflict with the earlier protective policies in the Local Plan.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.

the Park		
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	+	The policy provides broad general support for the SEA objective. Other policies provide more detail and have greater direct effects. The policy will be developed through the sustainable design guide and checklist that the Park Authority will prepare.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	++	The policy is explicitly related to ensuring high quality design in new developments
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides broad general support for most SEA objectives. However, it explicitly aims to ensure high quality in design of new development.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 19. Developer contributions		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy sets out the conditions where a cash or other contribution may be required from the developer to overcome problems with a development proposal that creates pressure on existing services or facilities.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy may be used to ensure access or improve access to facilities or services.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The policy may be used to ensure access or improve access to facilities or services, potentially introducing energy saving schemes.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	+	The policy could be used to improve waste management or recycling facilities.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy could be used to help ensure settlement character or identity is maintained or enhanced.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy provides a mechanism for offsetting potential negative effects of development and could have some small positive effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 20. Business development		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy sets out the conditions where business-related development would be considered.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
9. To use natural	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy may have some small positive effects on this SEA objective by facilitating business development and employment opportunities in a range of locations across the Park.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy may have a small positive effect on SEA objective 11, maintaining a sustainable and healthy population by allowing business development and employment opportunities across the Park.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 21. Proposals for retail and commercial development		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy allows for the development of retail and commercial facilities in the Park but focuses development towards town centres and existing settlements.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy may have some small positive effects on this SEA objective by allowing retail and commercial development and employment opportunities in a range of locations across the Park.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	While the policy would have potential to have negative effects on this objective, other policies in the Plan will prevent any negative effects.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy may have a small positive effect on SEA objective 11, maintaining a sustainable and healthy population by allowing retail and commercial development and employment opportunities across the Park.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 22. Settlement improvements		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to ensure all development in settlements make suitable contributions to developing attractions, increasing accessibility and improving amenity.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The policy may contribute to improved access opportunities within settlements.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
9. To use natural	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy may contribute to ensuring access to services for communities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy may contribute to improving the quality of the urban environment.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy may contribute positively to improving the urban environment, ensuring access to services and improved access opportunities within settlements.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 23. Sustainable balance of house sizes		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The policy sets a benchmark of 75% of developments of 4 or more houses being 2 or 3 bed units. This is intended to ensure more smaller homes are provided through housing developments to match the sizes of houses needed by people living and working in the Park.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>The only significant alternative to trying to influence the sizes of units built would be to allow the market to decide what it could sell. The new build housing market in the Park has been able to sell many larger and more expensive houses in the past and these homes are generally not accessible to those employed within the Park.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
7. To ensure responsible access	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.

for all		
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	++	The policy should help to provide housing for local communities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should have a positive effect in terms of providing housing of the sizes required by the population within the National Park.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 24. Contributions to affordable housing		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The policy aims to ensure that between 30% and 50% of new houses built will be affordable (at below market prices) to people living and working in the National Park. The policy sets out a range of affordable housing options from highly subsidised options to options just below the market prices.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>A number of alternatives were considered to this policy approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trying to restrict the development of new housing in the National park to people with a local connection through work, home or family. This approach was not chosen because it was unlikely to promote the development of affordable housing and few of the people in need in the Park could afford to build housing on the open market. It would have been unlikely to have met the National Park Plan or Local Plans housing objectives. 2. Maintaining the status quo housing policies that require between a 25% and 50% affordable housing contribution, normally as social housing. This option was not chosen because it was not considered to have been effective enough in the past. 		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.

6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	++	The policy should help to provide housing for local communities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should help to ensure a range of housing options targeted at those who live and work in the National Park, who are in housing need, and who can't afford to purchase or rent homes on the open market.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 25. Housing development in small rural settlements		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The policy is intended to allow for the development of housing in small rural settlements that are not identified as settlements with proposals in the Local Plan of 15 or more dwellings where the proposal reinforces and enhance the character of the settlement. The supporting text suggests that development that would increase the size of the settlement by more than 20% would be unlikely to enhance the character.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>Two alternatives to the policy were considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To only allow developments of affordable housing in small rural settlements. This option was not taken as it was considered likely to sterilise development opportunities in many locations. 2. To provide a more prescriptive approach to housing development with precise numbers or proportions for additional housing. This option was considered less likely to result in development proposals that would reinforce and enhance the character of settlements as it would apply a more rigid criteria and rely less on the good design of proposals or the capacity of the settlement to accommodate development. 		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.

systems.		
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy should only result in positive effects on landscape character.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy is intended to allow for modest development of housing in a range of locations across the Park, helping to house the rural population.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy explicitly requires developments to reinforce and enhance settlement character.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy has potential to have negative effects on a wide range of SEA objectives but the protective policies of the Local Plan would prevent those negative effects. The policy should have positive effects of the character of small rural settlements where development is permitted.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 26. Housing proposals outside settlements		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The proposal is intended to allow for the development of housing outside settlements where there is a clear need for a rural worker or where a retiring farmer or crofter is handing over their housing to a new operator of the farm or croft.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure

		that will not.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy is intended to allow for the development of new housing where necessary to the continued operation of rural business, helping to house the rural population.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this SEA objective but other policies in the Local Plan ensure that will not.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy has potential to have a range of negative environmental effects. However, these effects would not be realised due to the application of other policies in the Local Plan.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 27. Conversions of existing traditional and vernacular buildings		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The policy is intended to allow for the conversion of existing traditional and vernacular buildings (normally to housing) where the building is no longer suitable or needed for its original use, and where the conversion maintains the style and character of the original building.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The policy may help to maintain landscape character where the policy restores existing traditional and vernacular buildings
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective

8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy should help to maintain the character of traditional and vernacular buildings.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy is unlikely to have any significant effects on the SEA objectives but may help maintain landscape character and the character of traditional and vernacular buildings that are developed through the policy.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 28. Replacement houses		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy allows for the replacement of existing houses (that have been recently occupied and are largely intact)		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
9. To use natural	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective. The policy does have potential to allow the loss of vernacular architecture, but only when it is structurally unable to be repaired.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 29. House extensions		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to allow for the development of house.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
9. To use natural resources/material	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective

assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. The potential for the policy to have small negative effects on the natural environment and potentially on settlement character are prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 30. Integrated and sustainable transport network		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to support the development of the most sustainable transport options in new development.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is intended to support the most sustainable transport options. However, the Park is a remote area and relies heavily on transport by private car. This

		means that although the may policy may improve the transport options associated with new development, it is unlikely to have a significant positive effect.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The inclusion of sustainable transport options may encourage healthy lifestyles.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The implementation of sustainable transport options should minimise the need to travel by private car.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should encourage more sustainable transport options in new development which may have some small positive environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 31. Telecommunications		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to allow for telecommunications facilities while minimising the potential environmental effects of development.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
9. To use natural	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this objective
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy has potential to have negative effects on this objective but would be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy has potential to have negative effects on a range of SEA objectives but those adverse effects should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 32. Waste management		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to provide support for the 3 area waste plans covering the Park and promote the most sustainable waste management options available.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy could have positive and negative effects on air quality however, SEA of area waste plans should identify options that minimise adverse effects on air

		quality.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	+	The implementation of the waste management hierarchy through the Area Waste Plans supports the sustainable use of natural resources.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The potential for energy from waste schemes could contribute to sustainable energy production.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	+	The policy supports the implementation of the Area Waste Plans that are intended to reduce waste.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should have a range of positive environmental effects through by supporting sustainable waste management schemes.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 33. Tourism development		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy supports the development of tourism related facilities and attractions where they will not result in adverse environmental effects.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy could encourage use of the private car but other policies should ensure sustainable transport options are included within any proposal.

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy is considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 34. Outdoor access		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to support the improvement of outdoor access opportunities and prevent the loss of opportunities as a result of development.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The policy should have a positive effect on this SEA objective by ensuring no significant loss of access opportunities and encouraging the improvement of opportunities.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	+	The policy may help to reduce the need to travel by private car.

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy should help to contribute to the population's ability to have a healthy lifestyle.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The policy may help to reduce need to travel by private car.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy should have positive environmental effects through ensuring no significant loss of access opportunities and encouraging the improvement of opportunities that may also reduce the need to travel by private car and encourage healthy lifestyles.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 35. Formal recreation facilities		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to support the development, diversification and extension of formal recreation facilities in the Park where they would not have other adverse effects.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy may help provide facilities that encourage people to have healthy lifestyles.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Policy 36. Other open space provision		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The policy is intended to support improvements in open space provision and ensure that new development on sites allocated for development makes appropriate provision for open space.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The policy encourages the improvement and provision of open spaces, many of which are used for recreation.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.

9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The policy encourages the improvement and provision of open spaces, many of which may be used as part of a healthy lifestyle.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The policy is unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Any potential negative effects of the policy should be prevented by other policies in the Local Plan.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	The policy encourages the improvement and provision of open spaces which can make a positive contribution to the character of the urban environment.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The policy may have some small positive effects on SEA objectives linked to providing access, supporting healthy lifestyles, and the quality and character of the built environment.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

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Policy/Proposal		
An Camus Mor New Settlement		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The development of a new community at Cambusmore (now proposed as An Camus Mor) was proposed in the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan 1997 and the Highland Structure Plan 2001 to meet the long term development needs of Badenoch and Strathspey. The Local Plan identifies the site for long term development and provides an indicative target for 100 houses to be provided on site towards the end of the Local Plan's 5 year timescale.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>In order to assess the effectiveness of land, the Local Plan must consider the planning history of sites and the level of preparation for their development. The Cambusmore site was originally selected from a range of options before inclusion in the previous Local Plan and the Highland Structure Plan. It is a current allocation that has been planned for more than 10 years and has been formalised through the development plan system.</p> <p>Once the likely future needs for development land were established, the Local Plan needed to consider where to identify sites. The Local Plan works to a 5 year timescale but can also provide a longer term view for the development of land that provides planners, communities and developers with longer term certainty.</p> <p>The Local Plan has attempted to provide a range of development options associated with all the main settlements in the National Park and linked to their existing size and services. Aviemore has been the major growth centre within Badenoch and Strathspey for the past 30 years and its growth is expected to continue. However, development land in Aviemore is almost exhausted and is likely to run out within the lifetime of the Local Plan. For this reason, Cambusmore provides an opportunity to absorb the ongoing growth of Aviemore, to provide a more sustainable settlement using the best practice available, and to provide a degree of certainty and long term planning for future development in Badenoch and Strathspey.</p> <p>Detailed proposals for the An Camus Mor site will require an EIA in order to be assessed and determined. The SEA can only highlight issues that will need to be considered in more detail through an EIA.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	--?	<p>Development of the site is considered likely to have significant effects on priority species. The detailed proposals will need to consider the potential effects of the development on priority species in detail.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p>

		The determination of proposals will require an Appropriate Assessment of its effects on the River Spey SAC.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	--?	<p>Development of the site is considered likely to have significant effects on priority habitats. The detailed proposals will need to consider the potential effects of the development on priority species in detail.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>The determination of proposals will require an Appropriate Assessment of its effects on the River Spey SAC.</p>
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	--	<p>The development of the site will result in the loss of some of the existing habitats.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>The determination of proposals will require an Appropriate Assessment of its effects on the River Spey SAC.</p>
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	?	<p>The development of the site would be required to maintain water quality, avoid downstream impacts and incorporate appropriate SUDs. Although development of the site is considered unlikely to have any significant adverse effects this SEA objective, there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>The determination of proposals will require an Appropriate Assessment of its effects on the River Spey SAC.</p>
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	?	<p>The development of the site will require an appropriate SUDs scheme. However, the anticipated road access to the site involves crossing of the River Druie and movement of fishing ponds located on the flood plain. Detailed flood risk assessment of any proposals will be required.</p> <p>Although development of the site is considered unlikely to have significant adverse effects on this SEA objective, there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>The determination of proposals will require an Appropriate Assessment of its effects on the River Spey SAC.</p>
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	--	The site is located within the Cairngorm Mountains NSA. Development of the site would change the character of part of Strathspey. However, the site has a woodland setting that means that the development could be screened from many directions and has been identified as having capacity for housing development.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	Development of the site would reduce the current informal access opportunities provided on site but alternative and improved access opportunities would be expected to be incorporated into the development proposals.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	?	The site is located close to Aviemore and existing public transport schemes, including the railway station. The new settlement would have a pedestrian link to Aviemore.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	++	<p>The site provides an opportunity to use natural resources in a sustainable way by through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reducing reliance on fossil fuels; ▪ Using local materials such as timber products in the development;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provision for recycling; ▪ minimising the use of water
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	<p>The detailed proposals will need to consider the potential effects of the development on priority species in detail.</p> <p>The provisions of the policies in the Local Plan should minimise and adverse effects.</p>
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	++	<p>The proposal provides an opportunity to target housing development at the communities of the Park.</p>
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	<p>The site provides an opportunity to plan a settlement in the most sustainable manner and using the most sustainable materials and construction methods available.</p>
13. To reduce waste and pollution	+	<p>The development of the site allows sustainable waste management measures to be incorporated in the design.</p> <p>The development can incorporate measures to ensure that foul waters discharged to the River Spey are treated to highest standards possible so as to avoid any significant effects of the River Spey SAC or adverse effects on its integrity.</p>
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	+	<p>The proposal for a new settlement allows a masterplan to dictate a planned and high quality urban environment.</p>
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The An Camus Mor new settlement proposal has potential to have a range of positive and negative environmental effects that cannot be accurately predicted without further detailed information about the proposals and the site.</p> <p>It should be possible for proposals to take account of the findings of an EIA and to mitigate potential adverse effects on the environment. The SEA does not predict any direct significant negative effects from the proposed site.</p> <p>Although development of the site in accordance with the policies of the Local Plan is considered unlikely to have any significant adverse effects on the river Spey SAC, there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>An appropriate assessment of the effects of the site on the River Spey SAC will be required before the Local Plan can be adopted, and further appropriate assessment of detailed proposals will be required to determine any subsequent planning application.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>Detailed proposals for the site will require an EIA to predict the potential effects of the development in detail.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Aviemore Community (C1, C2)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>Two community sites have been proposed in Aviemore. The first (C1) lies by Kinveachy Gardens and is the proposed site of a new Primary School for Aviemore. It is currently the site of playing fields. The second site (C2) lies within the Aviemore Highland Resort site and is proposed to ensure that the Resort site provides appropriate community facilities or formal open space for community uses.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No significant alternatives were considered. The Local Plan presumes against the loss of existing community facilities unless suitable alternative and improved facilities are provided.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.

the Park		
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	?	The provision of community facilities can contribute to the health of the population. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Aviemore Economic Development (AV/ED1, ED2, ED3)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The economic development sites in Aviemore are intended to provide additional scope for economic development and business uses.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>The proposals sites include the existing Aviemore Highland Resort site (AV/ED3), a site south of the Technology Park in Dalfaber (AV/ED2) and a small extension to the Dalfaber Industrial Estate (AV/ED1).</p> <p>Site AV/ED1 is a smaller extension to the Dalfaber industrial Estate than was proposed in the Consultative Draft Local Plan. The new proposals site avoids the Ancient Woodland Inventory site to the north.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from

landscape and cultural character of the Park		detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	?	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. However, the sites are located close to public transport and possible rail freight opportunities, allowing the most sustainable transport options available to be used.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	?	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. The Local Plan policies on waste management would support the establishment of waste transfer and recycling facilities within business areas.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Detailed development proposals for sites proposed in the Local Plan must also comply with the policies in the Local Plan. The application of the policies should avoid, minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and avoid, minimise and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.</p> <p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Aviemore Housing (AV/H1, H2, H3)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The housing proposals for Aviemore are based on sites that were also proposed for housing in the previous Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan. Between the sites they should provide capacity for approximately 200 houses.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>Site AV/H1 lies within the Aviemore Highland Resort grounds. It has outline planning permission for 140 houses and the reserved matters application is currently being determined by the CNPA. Part of the site may be at risk of flooding and the Plan identifies the need for a flood risk assessment to be carried out to determine the likelihood of flooding.</p> <p>Sites AV/H2 and AV/H3 are located at the north eastern corner of Aviemore, existing housing estates and the river Spey. The sites form part of an area that was proposed for housing land in the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan.</p> <p>Proposal site AV/H2 is located in open woodland and an indicative capacity of 10 houses has been identified for the site that would allow the retention of much of the woodland on the site. Proposal site AV/H3 lies to the south and is open grassland, disturbed ground and farmland with an indicative capacity of 70 units. Part of site AV/H3 lies within an area of potential flood risk and the Local Plan identifies the need for more detail flood risk assessment to be carried out by the developer.</p> <p>The Deposit Local Plan protected as open space and area of birch woodland between the two sites that was previously allocated for housing land. Planning permission for a housing development over H2, H3 and the woodland area was granted on appeal in 2006. A local group is currently challenging that approval decision in the Court of Session.</p> <p>No other significant alternatives to these sites have been considered in Aviemore.</p>		
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Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	<p>The proposal sites do not directly affect any priority species. The foul waters from all three sites will discharge to the river Spey SAC through the Aviemore waste water treatment facilities provided by Scottish Water. It is understood that the waste water treatment plant has capacity for these sites programmed into its servicing and development. The development of each site would be required to incorporate appropriate SUDS for surface water discharge and also to minimise water use.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily</p>
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	
3. To maintain &	=?	

enhance the integrity of ecosystems		resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	<p>The policies of the Local Plan will not permit development that would adversely affect the integrity of the SAC unless there were no alternatives and imperative reasons of overriding public interest.</p> <p>There are no imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the development of these sites, and alternative sites for housing development can be used in Badenoch and Strathspey.</p> <p>Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.</p>
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	<p>More detailed information on flood risk is needed for sites AV/H1 and AV/H2 to assess whether development proposals would affect or be affected by flooding.</p> <p>Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.</p>
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	--	<p>The development of parts of sites AV/H2 and AV/H3 will have adverse effects on the landscape setting and character of this part of Aviemore. The layout, design and planting associated with any development will need to consider how best to minimise and mitigate those landscape affects.</p> <p>Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.</p>
7. To ensure responsible access for all	-	The development of sites AV/H2 and AV/H3 will lead to some loss of informal access opportunities in the area. However, alternative opportunities would be provided through the development of the sites under Policies 34 and 36 of the Local Plan.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The development of the proposal sites is considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the proposal sites is considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	<p>The development of the proposal sites is considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.</p> <p>Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.</p>
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The development of the proposal sites is considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. The developments would provide some housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the proposal sites is considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental

		effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the proposal sites is considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the proposal sites is considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective. Policies in the Local Plan should minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The development of the sites AV/H2 and AV/H3 has potential to result in significant negative effects on the landscape character of the eastern edge of Aviemore that will need to be minimised and mitigated in detailed proposals.</p> <p>The development of AV/H1, AV/H2 and AV/H3 is considered unlikely to affect the integrity of the River Spey SAC. The waste waters from each site would be treated by the public sewerage system and would therefore comply with the discharge standards licenced by SEPA for the Aviemore waste water treatment facility. Proposals would be expected to incorporate measures to avoid impacts on the River Spey SAC.</p> <p>Although development of the site is considered unlikely to have any significant adverse effects on the river Spey SAC, there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>Appropriate Assessments of detailed development proposals for the sites are also likely to be required to ensure that their development does not affect the integrity of the River Spey SAC.</p> <p>Detailed development proposals for sites proposed in the Local Plan must also comply with the policies in the Local Plan. The application of the policies should avoid, minimise and mitigate any minor negative environmental effects from detailed proposals or identify and avoid, minimise and mitigate any significant effects that have not been predicted in the SEA.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>Detailed proposals for sites AV/H2 and AV/H3 would be required to demonstrate that adverse landscape impacts were minimised and mitigated.</p> <p>Detailed proposals for sites AV/H2 and AV/H3 are likely to require Appropriate Assessment under the Policy 2 of the Local Plan and the Habitats regulations.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Aviemore Open Space (AV/OS1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>A variety of open spaces within the Aviemore settlement Boundary have been protected from development. They provide a range of locally valuable habitats and networks of habitats within the settlement, contribute to the amenity of Aviemore, and provide an important part of the recreational resource of Aviemore.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No significant alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	+	The proposals sites may support priority species or provide habitats for priority species.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	+	The proposals sites may provide habitats for priority species.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	+	The proposals sites form part of a network of habitats that is protected.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The proposals sites contribute to the character of Aviemore and its setting.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The proposal sites provide a range of access opportunities in Aviemore.
8. To maintain and	=	

improve air quality		
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The opportunities for access and recreation that the open spaces offer may contribute to a healthy population.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The proposals sites may have a range of small positive effects on the natural environment and providing access and recreation opportunities.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

<p>Policy/Proposal</p> <p>Ballater Economic Development (BL/ED1, ED2, ED3) & Community (BL/C1)</p>		
<p>Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.</p> <p>The sites proposed for economic development uses are already in business use or are intended for business use. Site BL/ED3 is currently used as a bus depot in the centre of Ballater but could be converted to a large retail space within Ballater.</p> <p>Proposal site BL/C1 is the old school in Ballater. The site is owned by Aberdeenshire Council and is proposed as a community facility. Discussion between the Council and the community to secure suitable uses are ongoing.</p>		
<p>Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.</p> <p>No significant alternatives were considered.</p>		
<p>Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.</p>		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.

7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The development or redevelopment of the proposal sites are considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Ballater Housing (BL/H1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The proposal site forms part a of larger site that has been the subject of an Inquiry by Design workshop run by the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment and involving the local community and other stakeholders. The workshop looked at long term opportunities for the growth of Ballater that would maintain and enhance its special character and identity. The site is intended to have capacity for around 250 houses, with approximately 90 built in the lifetime of the Local Plan.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>Ballater has no effective alternative sites for housing land. The village is constrained by the steep slopes of Craigendarroch to the north, by the golf course and river Dee to the west and river Dee to the South. The Inquiry by Design workshop considered the possibility of development on the golf course and while this may be a long term opportunity, it has not need considered as an option for this Local Plan.</p> <p>The proposed site includes land that was identified as having capacity to absorb new housing development without changing the character of the landscape and settlement. However, the proposed site, and the study area for the Inquiry by Design workshop, considered major long term expansion of Ballater over a larger area and designed to complement the existing character and settlement.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	<p>The proposal site is unlikely to directly affect any priority species.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Dee SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	<p>The proposal site is unlikely to directly affect any priority habitats.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Dee SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
3. To maintain &	=?	The development of the sites would be unlikely to lead to a significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native

enhance the integrity of ecosystems		<p>species movement.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Dee SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	<p>The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water are programming works to the Ballater waste water treatment works that will increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Dee SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p> <p>The fresh water supply for Ballater is abstracted from the river Gairn which is part of the river Dee SAC. Scottish Water consider the source to be a reliable one, and abstraction occurs well within the licenced parameters of the site. In Scottish Water's opinion, the source could provide capacity for future development with ease. However, there is uncertainty about the cumulative effects of water abstraction on the river Dee SAC that need to be assessed through an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	?	<p>Much of the proposed site, like most of Ballater itself, lies on the flood plain of the river Dee. Most of Ballater is not considered to be at risk of flooding, but much of the proposed site lies within SEPA's indicative 1 in 200 year flood risk area. This means that more detailed flood risk assessment will need to be completed to identify the actual risk of flooding on the site. Recent development in the vicinity of the site as well as observation of the local topography suggest that the flood risk may be less than predicted by SEPA's indicative flood risk maps and that much of the proposed site is likely to be developable.</p>
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	-	<p>Development of the site would change the character of the landscape and settlement. However, the it is intended that the Inquiry by Design process would be continued to create a masterplan and detailed guidance for the development of the site so that it makes a positive contribution to the settlement</p>
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	<p>The development of the site would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.</p>
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	<p>The policy is unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.</p>
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	<p>The development of the site would lead to a loss of agricultural land but would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.</p>
10. To conserve & where appropriate	=	<p>There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.</p>

enhance the historic environment		
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposal sites should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the site would change the settlement character of the Ballater. However, The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist as well as adhering to a detailed masterplan and design brief for the site. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The development of the proposal site could lead to negative effects on the landscape and settlement character of Ballater. However a detailed masterplan and design brief for the site will be prepared to ensure development is of the highest quality and minimises negative effects.</p> <p>More information on the actual flood risks linked to the proposal site is needed to predict whether the site is likely to have significant effects on the function of the flood plain.</p> <p>Although development of the site is considered unlikely to have any significant adverse effects on the river Dee SAC. there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Dee SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>Appropriate Assessments of detailed development proposals for the site are also likely to be required to ensure that their development does not affect the integrity of the River Dee SAC.</p> <p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No further mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Boat of Garten Housing (BG/H1) and Community (BG/C1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The proposed housing site is intended to provide Boat of Garten with housing opportunities during the lifetime of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The proposed community site is intended to provide additional opportunities for community facilities close to the new community hall and playing fields.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>The Local Plan process has considered options for development around Boat of Garten in detail. The woodland that will be lost if the proposed sites are developed is a Scots Pine plantation that is a valuable habitat and supports a wide variety of species.</p> <p>The Consultative draft Local Plan considered sites to the north of the village. One of those sites, immediately opposite the proposed sites on the north side of Deishar Road was highlighted during consultation as having a range of BAP species and as well as the only Scottish record of the solitary bee <i>Andrena marginata</i> for 60 years. The second site considered lay further north of the town. The site was judged to be ineffective for the Local Plan because of a variety of current uses, problems with access and land ownership issues. The third site was located within the woodland of the current proposals but closer to the centre of Boat of Garten. Vehicle Access to the site could not be secured safely without going through the sites proposed in the Deposit Local Plan.</p> <p>Without the development of the proposed housing site, it is unlikely that Boat of Garten will see any significant housing development that will contribute to sustaining the community.</p> <p>The CNPA is preparing an appropriate assessment for the proposed sites and their potential effects on the integrity of the population of Capercaillie that use the nearby network of Natura sites and parts of the woodland south of the proposed development site.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	--?	<p>The development of the proposed sites will lead to a loss of up to 7.2 Ha of Scots Pine plantation woodland that may be used by a variety of priority species. Capercaillie use the wider woodland habitat though have not been recorded on the proposed site. Capercaillie are sensitive to disturbance, particularly from dogs off a lead. The woodland of the proposed site as well as the wider woodland area are used regularly for recreation by the residents of Boat of Garten, visitors and other residents of Badenoch and Strathspey.</p> <p>The CNPA is preparing an appropriate assessment for the proposed sites and their potential effects on the integrity of the</p>

		<p>population of Capercaillie that use the nearby network of Natura sites and parts of the woodland south of the proposed development site.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	-?	<p>The development of the proposed sites will lead to a loss of up to 7.2 Ha of Scots Pine plantation woodland. Capercaillie use the wider woodland habitat though have not been recorded on the proposed site. Capercaillie are sensitive to disturbance, particularly from dogs off a lead. The woodland of the proposed site as well as the wider woodland area are used regularly for recreation by the residents of Boat of Garten, visitors and other residents of Badenoch and Strathspey.</p> <p>The CNPA is preparing an appropriate assessment for the proposed sites and their potential effects on the integrity of the population of Capercaillie that use the nearby network of Natura sites and parts of the woodland south of the proposed development site.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	-?	<p>The development of the proposed sites will lead to a loss of up to 7.2 Ha of Scots Pine plantation woodland. Capercaillie use the wider woodland habitat though have not been recorded on the proposed site. Capercaillie are sensitive to disturbance, particularly from dogs off a lead. The woodland of the proposed site as well as the wider woodland area are used regularly for recreation by the residents of Boat of Garten, visitors and other residents of Badenoch and Strathspey.</p> <p>The CNPA is preparing an appropriate assessment for the proposed sites and their potential effects on the integrity of the population of Capercaillie that use the nearby network of Natura sites and parts of the woodland south of the proposed development site.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	<p>It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Boat of Garten waste water treatment plant to improve the quality of discharge to the river Spey SAC and increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
5. To maintain catchment	=?	<p>It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Boat of Garten waste water treatment plant to improve the quality of discharge to the river Spey SAC and increase</p>

processes & hydrological systems.		capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan. However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	--	The development of the sites is has potential to have significant negative effects on the landscape character and setting of Boat of Garten. However, the sites also provide an opportunity to retain as much existing woodland as possible to screen development and minimise the negative effects.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would lead to a loss of agricultural land but would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The housing proposal site should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Boat of Garten waste water treatment works that will increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan and improve the standard of discharge to the River Spey. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.

Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.

The development of the proposed sites will have significant negative environmental effects in terms of effects on species that use the woodland and on the landscape character of the western approach to Boat of Garten. The effects may be minimised through the retention of as much woodland as possible in any detailed development proposals.

The CNPA is preparing an appropriate assessment for the proposed sites and their potential effects on the integrity of the population of Capercaillie that use the nearby network of Natura sites and parts of the woodland south of the proposed development site.

Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.

No further mitigation measures are proposed at this stage but additional mitigation measures may be identified as a result of the appropriate assessment.

Policy/Proposal		
Braemar Housing (BM/H1, H2, H3), Community (BM/C1) & Protected Open Space (BM/OS1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>All the proposal sites, with the exception of C1, are contained in the recently adopted Aberdeenshire Local Plan. The housing site H1 has outline planning permission for 20 houses and an approved site layout. Site H2 has capacity for approximately 30 units. The community site C1 is identified for a community health centre proposal.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>All of Braemar is located in the the Deeside and Lochnagar NSA. With the exception of C1, all the sites identified are also identified in the recently adopted Aberdeenshire Local Plan. Site H2 has been modified to avoid SEPA's indicative 1 in 200year flood risk zone. However, more detailed flood risk assessment by a prospective developer is understood to show that the risk of flooding is not as severe as suggested by the indicative flood risk maps.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	The development of the housing sites in Braemar will not affect any identified priority species or habitats, lead to significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Dee SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	There is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Dee SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive	-	The proposed housing sites are considered to have capacity to absorb housing development without having significant effects on the landscape and settlement character of Braemar. However, the development of the sites will inevitably lead to

landscape and cultural character of the Park		some change in the character of parts of Braemar and a settlement in an NSA.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposal sites should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Dee SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Carrbridge Housing (C/H1) , Economic Development (C/ED1) and Protected Open Space (C/OS1, OS2)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The Carrbridge Housing proposal sites (C/H1) form part of a site that was allocated in the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan 1997 and have outline planning consent for 117 houses. Reserved matters consent has been sought for the site.</p> <p>The Carrbridge Economic Development proposal site lies to the south west of the A9 and is a brownfield site of a former construction yard for the A9 and includes sawmill. It would have vacant spaces suitable for a range of business uses.</p> <p>The Carrbridge protected open spaces are intended to protect valuable habitats within the settlement from development. The first area (C/OS1) includes meadows and riparian habitats on the floodplain of the river Dulnain. The second site (C/OS2) forms an area of bog woodland within the consented development of C/H1.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered. Because site H1 has planning consent, Carrbridge will not need additional new housing development in the lifetime of the Local Plan.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	--	<p>The consented housing development sites H1 does not avoid harm to the bog woodland habitat and risks harm to a range of rare ant species in or close to the site.</p> <p>Detailed discussions on how to avoid significant negative effects are ongoing with the developer as part of the determination of the reserved matters consent for the site.</p>
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	--	<p>The consented housing development sites H1 does not avoid harm to the bog woodland habitat and risks harm to a range of rare ant species in or close to the site.</p> <p>Detailed discussions on how to avoid significant negative effects are ongoing with the developer as part of the determination of the reserved matters consent for the site.</p> <p>Part of Economic Development site ED1 is possibly located on a site of Ancient Woodland. However, the site has been significantly disturbed in the past and is now covered in concrete and road waste.</p>
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	--	<p>The consented housing development sites H1 does not avoid harm to the bog woodland habitat and risks harm to a range of rare ant species in or close to the site.</p> <p>Detailed discussions on how to avoid significant negative effects are ongoing with the developer as part of the</p>

		determination of the reserved matters consent for the site.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	--	The consented housing development sites H1 does not avoid harm to the bog woodland habitat and risks harm to a range of rare ant species in or close to the site. Detailed discussions on how to avoid significant negative effects are ongoing with the developer as part of the determination of the reserved matters consent for the site.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	--	The consented housing development sites H1 does not avoid harm to the bog woodland habitat and risks harm to a range of rare ant species in or close to the site. Detailed discussions on how to avoid significant negative effects are ongoing with the developer as part of the determination of the reserved matters consent for the site.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	--	The development of the site will affect the landscape and settlement character of Carrbridge. The woodland setting will screen some development where retained.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, Carrbridge has a rail station that offers people an alternative to travelling by private car to some destinations and would create possibilities for rail freight use associated with proposal site ED1.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The housing proposal site should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, Carrbridge has a rail station that offers people an alternative to travelling by private car to some destinations and would create possibilities for rail freight use associated with proposal site ED1.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective.

Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.

Only proposals site H1 is considered likely to have significant environmental effects. The potential effects are being assessed in more detail and options to avoid, minimise and mitigate the effects are being explored in the determination of reserved matters for the site.

Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.

No additional mitigation is considered necessary.

Policy/Proposal		
Cromdale Housing (CD/H1, H2) & Protected Open Space (CD/OS1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The housing proposal sites in Cromdale are intended to provide land for housing development in Cromdale.</p> <p>The protected open space in Cromdale is associated with the Burn of Cromdale and provides a green corridor through the settlement.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternatives were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	The development of the housing sites (CD/H1 & CD/H2) will not affect any identified priority species, habitats, or lead to significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement. The protected open space (CD/OS1) will help to protect riparian habitats and provide a corridor for species movement.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that the Cromdale waste water treatment works has capacity for additional connections for the lifetime of the Local Plan.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of	++	The housing proposal sites are considered to have capacity to absorb new housing development without significantly changing the character of Cromdale. Site H2 will help to consolidate the centre of Cromdale and create a more coherent character.

the Park		
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites is unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposal sites should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The proposals for Cromdale are considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation measures are considered necessary.</p>		

<p>Policy/Proposal</p> <p>Dalwhinnie Housing (DW/H1, H2, H3, H4) & Protected Open Space (DW/OS1)</p>		
<p>Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.</p> <p>The four small housing site in Dalwhinnie are intended to provide land for housing.</p> <p>The protected open space in Dalwhinnie is a community woodland that has a recreation and amenity value.</p>		
<p>Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.</p> <p>No significant alternatives were considered. A site for additional housing development beside the Distillery was removed following comments on the consultative draft Local Plan.</p>		
<p>Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.</p>		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	The development of the housing sites in Dalwhinnie will not affect any identified priority species, habitats, or lead to significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. The Local Plan highlights a potential flood risk on three of the housing sites and notes that additional flood risk assessments will be required.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character	=	The development of the housing sites is unlikely to have significant impacts on the character of Dalwhinnie.

of the Park		
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites is unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposal sites should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The proposal sites at Dalwhinnie are considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Dulnain Bridge Housing (DB/H1, H2)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The housing proposals sites at Dulnain Bridge are intended to provide land for approximately 30 houses. Site DB/H1 has outline planning permission for 10 houses.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No alternatives were considered		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	The development of the housing sites in Dulnain Bridge will not affect any identified priority species, habitats, or lead to significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement. However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
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3. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	
4. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The Local Plan highlights a potential flood risk on three of the housing sites and notes that additional flood risk assessments will be required. However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
5. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	
6. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	
7. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	=	The proposed housing sites are considered to have capacity to absorb housing development without affecting the landscape and settlement character of Dulnain Bridge.
8. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
9. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites is unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be

		expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
10. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
11. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
12. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposal sites should provide housing opportunities.
13. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
14. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
15. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The development of the proposed sites is considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Grantown on Spey Housing (GS/H1, H2)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The proposals are intended to provide land for housing development (approximately 250 houses) in Grantown on Spey.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
The proposals are refinements to sites proposed in the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan 1997.		
Proposal GS/H1 has been modified to protect an area of wetland, grassland and woodland as open space. Proposal GS/H2 identifies the need for further survey into the potential importance of the site for wading birds.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	-	Site H2 provide habitat for breeding waders and has stands of Aspen with rare or infrequent aspen bracket fungus. However, the policies in the Local Plan would require any negative effects of development to be mitigated and the proposals highlights the need for further survey work. Additionally, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	-	Site H2 provide habitat for breeding waders and has stands of Aspen with rare or infrequent aspen bracket fungus. However, the policies in the Local Plan would require any negative effects of development to be mitigated and the proposals highlights the need for further survey work. Additionally, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	-	The loss of sites GS/H1 and GS/H2 would create some fragmentation of habitats on the edges of Grantown on Spey but should be minimised through application of the Local plan policies. Additionally, there is some uncertainty about the possible

		cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	<p>The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.</p> <p>Scottish Water are understood to be programming improvements to the Granttown on Spey waste water treatment works to improve the standards of discharge and increase capacity that would encompass these sites.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC</p>
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	<p>The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC</p>
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The housing proposal sites are considered to have capacity to absorb housing development.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposals would provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	+	The development of the proposal sites would be expected to be comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The proposals are considered unlikely to have any significant effects on this SEA objective
14. To maintain & enhance the quality	+	The development of the proposal sites would be expected to be comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist.

of the built environment		
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The housing proposal sites in Grantown on Spey are considered likely to have a range of small positive and negative environmental effects if developed. The proposals have been refined and additional information is likely to be required to allow assessment of detailed proposals.</p> <p>Although development of the site is considered unlikely to have any significant adverse effects on the river Spey SAC, there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>Appropriate Assessments of detailed development proposals for the sites are also likely to be required to ensure that their development does not affect the integrity of the River Spey SAC.</p> <p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No further mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Grantown on Spey Open Space (GS/OS1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
An area of open space in Grantown on Spey has been protected. The site lies in the middle of housing site GS/H1 and is intended to protect the wetland, grassland and woodland habitats present.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
The area protected has been extended as more information about the quality of its habitats became available.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	+	The protected area includes habitats that could support priority species.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	+	The protected include priority habitats.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	+	The protected area includes the most valuable habitats on the site.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	+	The protected area includes wetland habitat.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	+	The protected area includes wetland habitat.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The protected area will help to retail the landscape setting at the northwest of Grantown on Spey.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The protected area will provide opportunities for informal access.
8. To maintain and	+	Preventing the development of areas of deep peat associated

improve air quality		with the wetland will prevent the release of carbon stored in the peat.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	+	Preventing the development of areas of deep peat associated with the wetland will prevent the release of carbon stored in the peat.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The protected area is unlikely to affect this objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The protected area may contribute to opportunities for healthy living
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The protected area is unlikely to affect this objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The protected area is unlikely to affect this objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The protected area is unlikely to affect this objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The protected open space area in Grantown on Spey should have range of positive environmental effects.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Kincraig Housing (KC/H1, H2)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
The housing proposal sites for Kincraig are intended to provide housing land for approximately 50 houses.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
There are no obvious alternative sites in the vicinity of Kincraig.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	The development of the housing sites in Kincraig will not affect any identified priority species, habitats, or lead to significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs and site H1 would be required to incorporate the existing wet area into the SUDs scheme. The waste water treatment plant for Kincraig has spare capacity to receive foul waters from the development of the sites.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	--	However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The proposed housing sites were not identified as sites with capacity to absorb new housing without haing landscape and visual impacts. However, recent development in Kincraig has pushed the edge of building to the western boundary of site H1 and site H1 could provide an opportunity to reinforce the boundary of Kincraig.
		The development of the sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.

8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites is unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposal sites should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The development of housing on the proposal sites would have significant negative effects on the landscape character and setting of Kinncraig. These effects could be reduced by appropriate layout and design and the application of the policies of the Local Plan to any detailed proposals.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>Further mitigation would be identified through the assessment of detailed proposals.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Kingussie Housing (KG/H1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>A large site at Kingussie has been identified for housing land (KG/H1). The site has capacity for approximately 300 houses, with approximately 75 units being required over the next five years or the lifetime of the Local Plan. The site was also identified in the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan 1997.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No significant alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Notes/Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	<p>The site will not affect any identified priority species.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	<p>The site will not affect any identified priority habitats.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	<p>The development of the site would be unlikely to lead to a significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms	=?	<p>The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Kingussie waste water treatment works that will increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan and improve the standard of discharge to the River Spey.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible</p>

National Park area		cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Kingussie waste water treatment works that will increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan and improve the standard of discharge to the River Spey. However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The site is considered to have capacity for housing development without significant changes in landscape character.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the site would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal site is unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the site would lead to a loss of agricultural land but would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The proposal site should provide housing opportunities.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Kingussie waste water treatment works that will increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan and improve the standard of discharge to the River Spey. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.

Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.

The proposals site is considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects and may have some minor positive effects.

Although development of the site is considered unlikely to have any significant adverse effects on the river Spey SAC, there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.

Appropriate Assessments of detailed development proposals for the sites are also likely to be required to ensure that their development does not affect the integrity of the River Spey SAC.

Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.

No mitigation is considered necessary.

Policy/Proposal		
Kingussie Open Space (KG/OS1, OS2)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>Two areas within Kingussie are protected as open space for their recreation and amenity value and as wildlife corridors in Kingussie. The first area (KG/OS1) encompasses the incised valley of the Gynack Burn. The second area (KG/OS2) lies north of Orchard Crescent and Campbell Crescent and is intended to provide a woodland corridor.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No significant alternatives were considered.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The protected sites may hold habitats used by priority species.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective but could be managed to promote the development of priority habitats
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The protected sites may be used by native species and contribute to the network of habitats in and around Kingussie
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The Gynack Burn has been managed by humans in the past and a hydro power scheme may be reinstated.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The sites contribute to the character of Kingussie.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The Gynack Burn provides locally important access opportunities.
8. To maintain and	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.

improve air quality		
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The opportunities for access provided by the sites may help to encourage healthy living.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The protected sites are unlikely to have any significant environmental effects but may have a range of small positive effects by protecting habitats, features of the landscape and providing access opportunities.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Nethy Bridge Housing, (NB/H1, H2) Community (NB/C1) & Protected Open Space (NB/OS1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The housing proposal sites identified in Nethy Bridge all have outline planning consent. Site H1 has outline permission for development of sheltered housing while site H2 has permission for 40 houses. Site ED1 is part of the same planning consent as site H2. The community proposals site C1 is located beside the existing playing fields in Nethy Bridge. The protected open space within the settlement includes the banks of the river Nethy and the Nursery Wood as locally important habitats, recreation resources and for their role in the amenity and landscape setting of Nethy Bridge.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>No significant alternatives were considered. The planning consent for site H2 means that Nethy Bridge is likely to have housing development within the lifetime of the Local Plan. Possible additional housing sites off Lurg Road were considered during the development of the Local Plan and could be considered proposal sites in future Local Plans after the development of the School Wood site.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	-	The development of the (H2) housing sites in Nethy Bridge will lead to the loss of Scots Pine plantation woodland and disturbance to the species that use it. The development will lead to fragmentation of the local woodland habitat.
2.		
3. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	--	Although the Nethy Bridge waste water treatment works has been upgraded to include capacity for the housing proposals sites, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
4. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	--	
5. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	
6. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	Although the Nethy Bridge waste water treatment works has been upgraded to include capacity for the housing proposals sites, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
7. To maintain & enhance the distinctive	--	The development of the School Wood housing sites will create a visual intrusion of development into current woodland backdrop of Nethy Bridge. This will change the landscape

landscape and cultural character of the Park		setting of the village.
8. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the housing and community sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost. The protected open spaces will help to secure access opportunities.
9. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
10. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
11. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
12. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The housing proposal sites should provide housing opportunities. The protected open spaces may help to encourage people to maintain healthy lifestyles.
13. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
14. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The waste water treatment works for Nethy Bridge has been upgraded to include the expected foul waters from the development of the housing sites. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
15. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The consented development proposals for the School Wood site in Nethy Bridge will sites for Nethy Bridge will have significant negative environmental effects in terms of loss of woodland habitat, fragmentation of habitat, and changes to the setting and character of Nethy Bridge. These effects could be reduced by appropriate layout and design and the application of the policies of the Local Plan to detailed proposals.</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>Further mitigation would be identified through the assessment of detailed proposals.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Newtonmore Housing (NM/H1, H2)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>Two sites either side of Perth Road to the west of Newtonmore are proposed for housing. Sites NM/H1 and NM/H2 were also identified in the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan 1997. The sites would provide land for approximately 220 houses.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>The proposal sites identified for housing development are likely to have significant effects on the character of the western edge of Newtonmore. Sites with greater capacity to absorb housing development were identified on the northern edges of the town. However, the alternative sites could provide land for only a third as many houses but more significantly, are unlikely to be developed for more than a few isolated homes due to the an elderly road network that would be difficult to upgrade.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	<p>The development of the sites will not affect any identified priority species.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	<p>The development of the sites will not affect any identified priority habitats.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	<p>The development of the sites would be unlikely to lead to a significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>

<p>4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area</p>	<p>=?</p>	<p>The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Newtonmore waste water treatment works that will increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan and improve the standard of discharge to the River Spey.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>
<p>5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.</p>	<p>=?</p>	<p>The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Newtonmore waste water treatment works that will increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan and improve the standard of discharge to the River Spey.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p> <p>The boundaries of proposals site NM/H1 have been moved to avoid risk of flooding on the site.</p>
<p>6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park</p>	<p>--</p>	<p>The development of the proposed sites for housing would have significant negative effects on the landscape character of the western edge of Newtonmore.</p> <p>The Local Plan proposals commit the CNPA to preparing development briefs for the sites to minimise and mitigate the effects of development of the sites as much as possible.</p>
<p>7. To ensure responsible access for all</p>	<p>=</p>	<p>The development of the site would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.</p>
<p>8. To maintain and improve air quality</p>	<p>=</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.</p>
<p>9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way</p>	<p>=</p>	<p>The development of the site would lead to a loss of agricultural land but would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.</p>
<p>10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment</p>	<p>=</p>	<p>There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.</p>
<p>11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>The proposal sites should provide housing opportunities.</p>
<p>12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency</p>	<p>=</p>	<p>The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.</p>
<p>13. To reduce waste and pollution</p>	<p>=</p>	<p>The development of the site would require appropriate SUDs. It is understood that Scottish Water have programmed works to the Newtonmore waste water treatment works that will</p>

		<p>increase capacity for the lifetime of the Local Plan and improve the standard of discharge to the River Spey. The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.</p>
<p>14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The development will change the settlement character of the western edge of Newtonmore.</p> <p>The development of the site would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the site makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.</p>
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The development of the proposed housing sites is likely to lead to significant negative effects on the landscape character and character of the settlement at the western edge of Netwonmore. The Local Plan acknowledges this states that the CNPA will prepare development briefs for the sites to minimise and mitigate the negative effects as much as possible.</p> <p>Although development of the site is considered unlikely to have any significant adverse effects on the river Spey SAC, there is some uncertainty about the potential cumulative effects of development on the river Spey SAC that will be resolved by an appropriate assessment.</p> <p>Appropriate Assessments of detailed development proposals for the sites are also likely to be required to ensure that their development does not affect the integrity of the River Spey SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No further mitigation is considered necessary</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Newtonmore Open Space (NM/OS1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
Three areas within Newtonmore are protected as open space for their recreation and amenity value and as wildlife corridors.		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
No significant alternative were considered.		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=	The protected sites may hold habitats used by priority species.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective but could be managed to promote the development of priority habitats
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=	The protected sites may be used by native species and contribute to the network of habitats in and around Newtonmore.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive landscape and cultural character of the Park	+	The sites contribute to the character of Newtonmore
7. To ensure responsible access for all	+	The sites provide locally important access opportunities.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
9. To use natural	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.

resources/material assets in a sustainable way		
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The opportunities for access provided by the sites may help to encourage healthy living.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The protected sites are unlikely to affect this SEA objective.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The protected sites are unlikely to have any significant environmental effects but may have a range of small positive effects by protecting habitats, features of the landscape and providing access opportunities.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		

Policy/Proposal		
Tomintoul Housing (T/H1, H2, H3, H4) Economic Development (T/ED1) & Community (T/C1)		
Purpose of policy/proposals: what the policies/proposals are supposed to achieve and how.		
<p>The housing proposal sites (T/H1-4) are intended to provide land for approximately 40 houses. The economic development site (T/ED1) is intended to be further developed as a campsite or other tourist facility. The community site (T/C1) is the site of the old school and is intended to be developed for community facilities.</p> <p>The Local Plan notes that the CNPA will work with the Crown Estate, local community and other partners to plan for the longer term development of Tomintoul.</p>		
Identify policy/proposal options including consideration of alternatives where relevant: detail of what policy options or spatial options were considered in developing the policy/proposals, what alternatives (if any were possible) were considered and decisions taken so far.		
<p>The potential for a camp site to the north east of the village was highlighted in the consultative draft Local Plan but was removed because of its proximity to the council depot and business industrial site.</p>		
Prediction of individual policy /settlement proposal direct and indirect effects: detailed assessment of individual policies and settlement policies against each SEA objective and justification/ reasoning behind predictions. This stage will draw direct, indirect, cumulative & synergistic effects.		
Draft SEA Objectives	Summary score	Reasoning for score
1. To conserve & enhance the diversity of species	=?	The development of the housing sites in Tomintoul will not affect any identified priority species, habitats, or lead to significant fragmentation of habitats or create barriers to native species movement.
2. To conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats	=?	
3. To maintain & enhance the integrity of ecosystems	=?	However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
4. To protect and where appropriate improve, waterbody status within or related to the Cairngorms National Park area	=?	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs.
5. To maintain catchment processes & hydrological systems.	=?	However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolve through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.
6. To maintain & enhance the distinctive	-	The development of the housing sites on the south west side of Tomintoul (H2 & H3) breaks from the historic line of the settlement on the ridge. However, earlier development has broken the original line and the new development could also be

landscape and cultural character of the Park		designed to consolidate the settlement edge.
7. To ensure responsible access for all	=	The development of the housing and community sites would require alternative and improved access provision to any lost.
8. To maintain and improve air quality	=	The proposal sites are unlikely to have a significant affect on this SEA objective. However, development of the site would be expected to comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, and minimise emissions from the construction and operation of the development.
9. To use natural resources/material assets in a sustainable way	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
10. To conserve & where appropriate enhance the historic environment	=	There are no known archaeological sites or features that would be affected by the development.
11. To maintain a sustainable and healthy population	+	The housing proposal sites should provide housing opportunities. The protected open spaces may help to encourage people to maintain healthy lifestyles.
12. To improve sustainable energy efficiency	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production and water use and being developed as sustainably as possible.
13. To reduce waste and pollution	=	The development of the sites would require appropriate SUDs. The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist, minimising waste production.
14. To maintain & enhance the quality of the built environment	=	The development of the sites would be expected comply with the policies of the Local Plan and the sustainable design guide and checklist. This should ensure that development of the sites makes a positive contribution to settlement character, and ensures quality in building design.
<p>Summary of policy/proposal effects: a critique of the policy/proposals based on the detailed assessment.</p> <p>The development of the proposed sites is considered unlikely to have any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>However, there is some uncertainty about the possible cumulative effects of development and the disposal of waste water on the river Spey SAC that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the SEA. Under the Habitats Directive, the Local Plan must be subject to an appropriate assessment to identify the implications for the conservation interests of the SAC.</p>		
<p>Options for mitigation or modification: if the policy/proposal is likely to have significant negative environmental impacts, possible amendments to avoid or mitigate the impacts will be outlined here.</p> <p>No mitigation is considered necessary.</p>		