

# Cairngorms National Park Core Paths Plan

## Consultation and Engagement Process – Stage 2

### Public Consultation Meeting – **Boat of Garten**

**Date:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2007

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Village Hall

**Location:** Boat of Garten

**No. Attending:** 12

### Introduction

This report details the feedback obtained at a public meeting where people were asked to give their views on the Interim Draft Core Paths Plan.

### Summary

During the meeting the following issues were raised:

- Legislative duties

The issue was raised that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 states the CNPA only has a duty to draw up the plan but not implement it. The CNPA takes a more positive view on this and will work with partners to implement the plan by 2010. As most of the paths already exist the early stages of implementation are most likely to be ensuring that all of the paths are fit for purpose and free from obstruction and well promoted.

- Funding and maintenance

The issue was raised that the Interim Draft Plan proposes a number of new paths that don't exist on the ground this is of concern to land owners because they will require funding and maintenance. In the final approved plan post spring 2008 resources both one off construction (capital) costs and ongoing maintenance (revenue) costs will have to be found. The CNPA will support through grant aiding

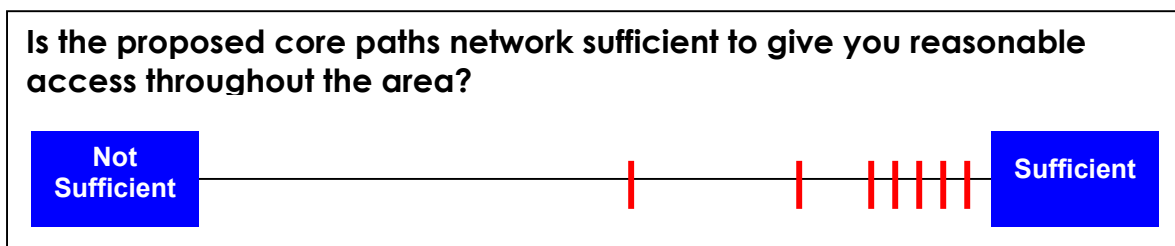
the capital costs and will looking to resolve through existing schemes such as Land Management Contracts or path sponsorship the ongoing revenue costs.

- Catering for different needs

Clarification was sought as to whether all core paths have to be to a high standard for example catering for all abilities. The network must provide opportunity for everybody but the paths that make up the network can be anything from a grass track to a tarmac cycle path.

- Defining the extent of the network

Boat of Garten has 12 proposed core paths the question posed was must those 12 paths cater for everybody from horses to pushchairs. The core path network is about providing opportunity for all users either by providing the paths themselves or providing access to the wider network that caters for those needs. This has to be achieved across the network rather than in each individual community.



Overall, attendees were happy with the sufficiency of the network, there was issues raised about two paths and the feasibility of developing them. The CNPA will be speaking to those involved to discuss further options.

All comments made on maps and diagrams at the event have been recorded in Annex 1.

## Next Steps

The comments and issues raised at this meeting will inform revisions to the Interim Draft Core Paths Plan as part of the wider consultation process. A revised version will be considered by the CNPA Board in December 2007 and the revised Plan will then be submitted to Scottish Ministers in February 2008.

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## Annex 1

Comments made on maps and diagrams are shown below and have been recorded exactly as written by participants:

### H Diagram

What is good about it?

- Maps are reasonably clear
- Good to see links between communities

What is bad about it?

- Too many paths will unfortunately attract vandalism, at area around Milton Loch, Bird Hide

How could it be improved?

- Definitions of usage/type and signage will be necessary

### Map comments

Boat of Garten map

- Area to north of village- Too much disturbance by dogs in wader habitat
- LBS65- Concerns:
  1. Damp ground 2x wells and springs
  2. Upkeep and maintenance
  3. Access required to river to allow animals to drink
  4. Disturbance to stock
- LBS71- Milton – Drumuille route should be removed (not suitable loop/link- dangerous to walk on A95). No signs needed –people can find route themselves

Aviemore Map

- Path to view point at Craigellachie would be good
- Circular walk around Craigellachie would be good too
- Promotion and signposting should be much better

Nethybridge Map

- New link between Broomhill Bridge and Speyside Way – More direct and flood proof alternative to LBS84
- New link to LBS92-Important path giving access to paths in wood to school from west of village. Should be included in core path network.

Dulnain Bridge Map

- Existing path next to LBS94- Pleasant circular walk that already exists.

Grantown –on Spey Map

- Old railway line adjacent to A95 towards Cromdale- Use old Speyside Line as cycle path between Cromdale and Old Spey Bridge

Lower Badenoch and Strathspey Map

- For reference purpose- Cycle Route – Sluggan pass to B970 thence to Tulloch Moor road and to Tulloch/ Osprey Reserve or Nethybridge and onto Boat
- LBS6- Route of Strathspey Railway extension to Grantown should not be used as a core path.
- Circular routes needed west and north east of Grantown (latter to connect into Dava Way)

Participants were asked to evaluate the event, the results are as follows:

	% of Participants Responding			
	Very Useful	Useful	Not Useful	Waste of Time
Location	100%	0%	0%	0%
Venue	100%	0%	0%	0%
Timing	100%	0%	0%	0%
Presentations	100%	0%	0%	0%
Information Available	100%	0%	0%	0%
Opportunity to speak to staff	100%	0%	0%	0%