

Cairngorms National Park Core Paths Plan

Consultation and Engagement Process – Stage 2

Public Consultation Meeting – Tomintoul

Date: Thursday 19 April

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Richmond Memorial Hall

Location: Tomintoul

No. Attending: 24

Introduction

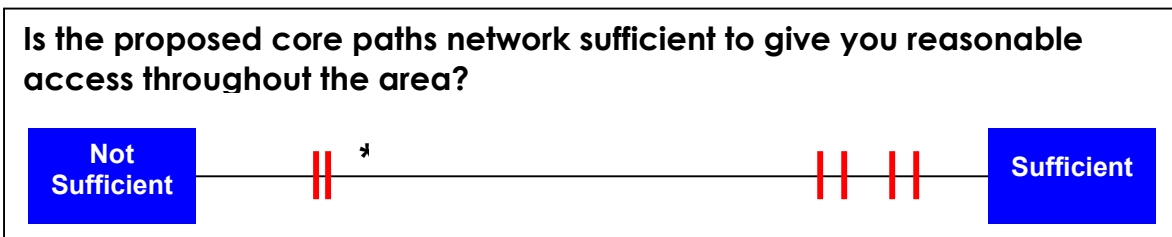
This report details the feedback obtained at a public meeting where people were asked to give their views on the Interim Draft Core Paths Plan.

Summary

During the meeting the following issues were raised:

- Paths crossing the Park boundary

In the open Q&A session there was a concern raised that neighbouring access authorities have less resources to dedicate to access and to the core path planning process. A consequence of which might be paths stopping at the boundary or deteriorating once over the boundary.



* These lines were marked as Moray Council Area

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

- Lots to see (birds, Roe Deer, etc.)
- Commitment from board and staff of CNP- good consultations
- Paths around Tomintoul and Crown Estate are popular with visitors
- Paths well maintained and Crown Estate sorts problems if you tell them about it
- Staff seem committed to good facilities
- Sufficient paths around Tomintoul and Glenlivet
- Glenlivet- Good provision for walkers, horses and cyclists too

What is bad about it

- Rough path(0.5 mile) Speyside Way north of Tomintoul
- Although there is a statutory duty to provide a core paths plan- there is no requirement to construct or establish or maintain core paths

Map comments

- Start of Tomintoul circular is not down lane but through trees next to A939
- Glenlivet – Paths are good for local residents. Local walks have improved around the hamlets (0.5 hour walks) which are excellent for short walks
- Several short promoted walks around hamlets Tomnavoulin, Chapelton, Castleton, Mernich and these are very popular – on Glenlivet leaflets
- Moray Access Forum- Not minded to make their part of the river Spey a core path. Are only looking at it because of representations for continuity from CNP
- Do not consider the river Spey a justifiable core path. Path beside the river-yes. Designations the river (likely users canoeists) could entice people on to the river who do not have the necessary expertise.
- No routes in Glen Isla
- No routes in Glen Esk

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

	% of Participants Responding			
	Very Useful	Useful	Not Useful	Waste of Time
Location	70%	30%	0%	0%
Venue	70%	30%	0%	0%
Timing	70%	30%	0%	0%
Presentations	30%	70%	0%	0%
Information Available	70%	30%	0%	0%
Opportunity to speak to staff	100%	0%	0%	0%