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Issue:	Policy 14 – Minerals and Soil/Earth Resources		
Objector(s):	Scottish Council for National Parks	Objection ref(s):	434g
	Mrs Jane Angus		437h

Reporter	Mr Hugh Begg
Procedure	Informal hearing

Rebuttal

- 1.1 This statement provides a rebuttal to the hearing statement submitted by the Scottish Council for National Parks, and Mrs Jane Angus, in regards to Policy 14 Minerals and Soil/Earth Resources.
- 1.2 In terms of the issues raised by both objectors, the position of the National Park Authority remains as presented in the hearing statements submitted.
- 1.3 For clarity, and by way of correction however, the hearing statement submitted was in part incorrect, with references in Paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 to Policy 9. This is an error, and the wording of the comparable paragraphs from the statement presented as written representation should be substituted.

Replacement para 1.1

This statement sets out the Cairngorms National Park Authority response to the objections raised to the Deposit Local Plan as modified (CD6.12 and 13) in respect of Policy 14: Minerals and Soil/Earth Resources, and supplements the response made to those objections by the Cairngorms National Park Authority in its report to Committee (CD7.3,4 and 5). It suggests no further change be made to the policy.

Replacement para 2.1 Policy 14 within the Deposit Local Plan as modified gives policy guidance on how development proposals relating to soil, peat and minerals will be assessed. During the current transitional arrangements set out in the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Development Planning) (Saving, Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Order 2008, the policy is intended to provide an appropriate level of guidance to meet the requirements of SPPI (CD2.2 para 37-38) and Scottish Planning Policy (CD2.1 para 15-18) and ensure that applications for development within the National Park adequately consider the impact that development will have on the special qualities of the Park.

Conclusion

- 1.4 The above wording should be substituted for the wording of the original hearing statement which was erroneous. The Cairngorms National Park Authority however maintains their view as set out in the original statement of case for the hearing session in respect of the analysis of the objections made and the response to them.

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- 1.5 No further change is therefore considered necessary.