

<b>Issue:</b>	<b>Policy 24 – Housing Development outside settlements</b>		
<b>Objector(s):</b>	Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group	<b>Objection ref(s):</b>	400g(h)
<b>Reporter</b>	Mrs Jill Moody / Mr Hugh Begg		
<b>Procedure:</b>	Informal hearing - rebuttal		

## **Rebuttal**

- I.1 This statement provides a rebuttal to the hearing statement submitted by the Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group in regards to Policy 24 – Housing development outside settlements.
- I.2 The issues raised in the statement are as in the original objection, with the addition that the objector is concerned that without the proposed wording suggested, the planning authority will not think to seek a survey on a brownfield site before determining a planning application.
- I.3 The Cairngorms National Park Authority maintain their view that the policy is intended to provide a policy framework for the consideration of housing developments outside settlements. The importance of any biodiversity on any given site would be considered under Policy 6 and paragraph 1.20 of the Plan states clearly that the policies will all be considered in the determination of any application. Officer proposed post inquiry modifications (CD 7.28) have suggested a change to the wording of the policy to clarify point c) in terms of what would be considered under the policy.
- I.4 The policy will be implemented along with the whole Local Plan in line with the requirements of paragraph 1.16 – 1.23 of the Plan, and officers and those involved in the decision making process will receive appropriate training on the implementation of the Plan prior to adoption.

### **Conclusion**

- I.5 The issue is dealt with through the policies of the Plan and the guidance provided on how the plan will be implemented.

### **CNPA Commendation to Reporter**

- I.6 No further change is therefore considered necessary.