

Braemar

During the public engagement process it was found that there is widespread support for a bridge over the Dee near Braemar and also for an off road link between the Brig O'Dee and Braemar as well as a small section of route to link the Society Bridge over the Clunie with the Queen's Drive. There was a high demand for linking routes which are suitable for cycling and the current lack of all-abilities routes was also identified. Information and signage need to be improved to make it easier for visitors to find and use the network. A number of hazards for water users were also identified.

By far the most popular route in the area is The Queen's Drive (identified by 84% of respondents). Other very popular paths were the path up to the viewpoint below Morrone, the Cromlins and the Birkwoods (all identified by over 65% of respondents). There was also a high demand (48% of respondents) for a new bridge over the River Dee to enable people to access the hills and glens to the north of the river.

Most activities proved popular in the area although low level walking was by far the most popular, followed by hill walking and then cycling on-road. Most people doing activities did so to primarily enjoy the countryside but also to keep fit and healthy. None of the respondents identified walking to work although 80% of the children at Braemar Primary School walk to school. There was equally high demand for better low level walking and off-road cycling routes and some demand for better opportunities for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

BRAEMAR – Proposed Core Paths			
Path Ref. No.	Path Description	Path Ref. No.	Path Description
UDE1	Old Brig O'Dee to Balmoral	UDE14	Link to River Dee Bridge
UDE5	Morrone Birkwood	UDE15	The Village to Braemar Castle
UDE6	Duck Pond to the Viewpoint	UDE16	Braemar Castle to the Queen's Drive
UDE7	Across the golf course	UDE17	The Queen's Drive
UDE8	Queen's Drive to the Brig O'Dee	UDE18	Creag Choinnich
UDE9	Society Bridge to Glenshee Road	UDE19	The Village up to the Queen's Drive
UDE10	Society Bridge to Balnellan Place	UDE20	Linn of Quoich to the Keiloch
UDE11	Golf Course Road to the Games Park	UDE21	Alltdourie
UDE12	Riverside walk along the Clunie and the Dee	UDE22	Craig Leek Circular
UDE13	Bridge over the River Dee	UDE23	Keiloch Crags

Interim Draft
Core Paths Plan

Map 3
BRAEMAR
Upper Deeside

Proposed Core Paths Network
- for Consultation

Map Legend

Proposed core path

— Exists on ground

- - - Proposed new path

UDE1 Path Reference Number



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