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The Reporters
Inquiry into the Local Plan
Cairngorms National Park

Dear Sir/Madam

Cairngorms National Park Local Plan

NFU Scotland does not make individual management recommendations to its members. It is for individuals to judge, in their own circumstances, what they do with their land. However, our view is that where better quality land is in short supply, there should be a presumption against the permanent removal of this land from the possibility of food production. This is because of the potential impact of the removal of the land on the wider agricultural community.

Local circumstances need to be taken into account when considering a change of use for land that has been used for agricultural production. Where locally important good quality agricultural land is scarce the availability of this land for agricultural production should be protected.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Walker".

Scott Walker
Policy Director