

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

**Title: REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMITTEE
STANDING ORDERS**

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Purpose

This paper presents a minor modification to the Planning Committee Standing Orders last agreed by the Board on 20 September 2019 to clarify a potential point of confusion. The paper follows agreement of the modification by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 11 October 2019.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- a) **Approve the change to Planning Committee Standing Orders agreed by Planning Committee on 11 October 2019 and set out with this paper.**

Background

1. The Board agreed revised Standing Orders for operation of the Cairngorms National Park Authority Planning Committee at its meeting on 20 September 2019. <https://cairngorms.co.uk/resource/docs/boardpapers/20092019/190920CNPABdPaperMattersArisingPlanningStandingOrdersReviewCover.pdf>
2. Following the adoption of the Standing Orders, it became apparent that a reader could interpret the extension of the period when requests to speak at Planning Committee could be made to provide an opportunity to do so without having already made a valid written representation. This was not the intention of the Standing Orders, as the opportunity to request to speak at the Planning Committee meeting has always been in order to reinforce a valid written representation, not as an alternative route to making a representation.

Summary of Amendment to Current Standing Orders

3. To prevent any confusion, we recommend an additional line be inserted to the Standing Orders to clarify this point definitively. The additional line is underlined and in bold in the section below. The first line of Section 11 on oral representations would now read:

“In relation to the determination of applications called-in by the CNPA, any applicant/agent/supporter, objector and Community Council, **who has made a valid representation on a planning application qualifying under Section 9 of these Standing Orders**, who wish to make oral representations to the Committee in respect of an agenda item must request to do so in writing and/or by email to planning official at the Cairngorms National Park Authority”

3. The Standing Orders would remain identical in all other respects to those approved by the Board on 20 September 2019.

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