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Dear Sirs

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION CAIRNGORMS CORE PATHS PLAN

The National Park Authority has received responses from the statutory consultees to our Screening Report issued on 24 May 2006. Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Scotland considered that the Core Paths Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects. The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency considered that it will not.

In accordance with Section 13(1) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Scotland) 2004, the National Park Authority subsequently determined on 21 June 2006 that the Core Paths Plan does fall under the provisions of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Scotland) 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC on the Assessment of Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment. Therefore the National Park Authority is carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Core Paths Plan.

The determination of the National Park Authority is being advertised to the public through newspaper notices and on our website in accordance with section 15(2) of the Regulations.

Yours faithfully

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Outdoor Access Officer