

# Agenda Item 5

## Appendix 3

2023/0245/DET

Community council  
comments

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Dear CNPA planning,  
We would like to submit the following response from Dalwhinnie community council on behalf of the majority of residents.  
Thank you in advance,

[REDACTED]  
DCC Chair  
[REDACTED]

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Dalwhinnie Community Council is fully in support of the proposed camper/motorhome and caravan park for Dalwhinnie.

It is believed this will benefit the village, residents and area including Cairngorms National Park in the short and longer term.

As I'm sure you are aware Dalwhinnie is at the very bottom of the national park and Highlands catchment area.

This means our village is often forgotten or money for new/extra development and services distributed to destinations more "attractive" to tourists or where they are seen to be more economically profitable.

Dalwhinnie's location however should be seen as the gateway to the highlands and it's name itself means "Meeting Place".

With the main roads to the north, south and west from here, it will benefit from the fact it will catch a high percentage of people going to/from their Scottish Highland experience.

Therefore this will hopefully help the village to offer more employment and opportunities to both permanent and seasonal employees. This in turn brings new residents and the chance for the village to remain, grow or have more local services for residents living here.

Currently despite being on the main rail line and alongside the A9 and on the main road A889 to the west, our public transport is very poor with DCC having to fight for a bus to ensure students can get to college in Inverness!

With development and tourism there is a chance a bus service would be more viable to maintain...or even a small community bus service/business to begin to support locals and visitors alike.

Back to the facilities offered directly by the proposed motorhome & caravan park. One example of benefit is also ensuring no excuse for chemical waste disposal into the surrounding area if we have facilities here in Dalwhinnie! Local residents are forever collecting rubbish, waste including human waste sometimes emptied from chemical toilets/porta potties, we've even found a full porta potti dumped at the side of the road near the Distillery.

With the increase in tourists and especially those travelling in motorhomes, campers and caravans, we feel the infrastructure across the highlands and CNP is lacking to accommodate and facilitate such an increase.

With the promotion of the NC 500 without appropriate waste facilities and campsite/camper pull-up options for smaller campers it is no wonder that we locals are left picking up the litter, waste and dealing with the damage left.

If we hope to teach and ask people to be responsible (including those new to such activities, renting motorhomes for the first time), we need to provide adequate facilities such as chemical waste disposal, waste/recycling facilities which we believe the park will offer.

This is part of the benefit from the proposal, even if this is at a small cost to people only passing by, rather than staying/using the motorhome park. As a campervan owner I would happily pay to empty a toilet responsibly if the service was available.

The proposed development offers local economic growth, not only in employment directly but also at other businesses in the village that will undoubtedly benefit.

We expect the cafe's and hotel are bound to see further increase in trade, the hostel too welcome this as longer cafe/restaurant/hotel opening hours benefits their clients and so their business.

This proposed development is long overdue for Dalwhinnie and offers resources and facilities the Highlands, Cairngorms National park and locals desperately need.

Rest assured, two members of the DCC are campervan owners who have spent most of the last 20years travelling around, living and working in Europe from their camper. We recognise and feel Scotland has some catching up to do with Europe and as a national park this should be a "no brainier" to assist with developing economies and infrastructure.

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**Dalwhinnie Community Council Chairman**

