

Cairngorms National Park
Partnership Plan 2017-2022

**Strategic Environmental Assessment
Scoping Report**

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	Conservation	Visitor Experience	Rural Development
National policy context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2020 Biodiversity Challenge; ➤ Land Use Strategy; ➤ River Basin Management Plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tourism Scotland 2020; ➤ A more Active Scotland; ➤ National Walking and Cycling Strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scottish Planning Policy; ➤ National Planning Framework 3; ➤ Community Empowerment Act.
Key issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Biodiversity targets; ➤ Landscape scale enhancement; ➤ Deer and moorland management; ➤ River water quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Path network; ➤ Active Cairngorms; ➤ Visitor welcome and information; ➤ Learning and volunteering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Affordable housing; ➤ Community capacity and empowerment; ➤ Tourism growth and development; ➤ A9 and Highland mainline; ➤ Renewable energy.
Progress over last decade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Woodland expansion; ➤ Cairngorms Nature; ➤ Capercaillie Framework; ➤ River Catchment Initiatives; ➤ Tomintoul & Glenlivet Hidden Histories Landscape Partnership; ➤ Peatland restoration; ➤ Community heritage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Core Paths Network; ➤ Speyside Way; ➤ Mountain paths; ➤ Active Cairngorms; ➤ Cairngorm and Glenmore Partnership; ➤ Outdoor Learning Partnerships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local Plan and Local Development Plan adoption; ➤ 350 affordable houses; ➤ Establishment of Destination Management Organisations; ➤ Business investment / expansion; ➤ Hydro and biomass schemes; ➤ Community and Action Planning; ➤ Development Trusts; ➤ Tomintoul and Glenlivet Regeneration.
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Landscape scale habitat enhancement, including woodland expansion; ➤ Deer and Moorland management; ➤ River catchment management; ➤ Carbon soils / peatland; ➤ Capercaillie Framework; ➤ Designated Sites Network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ High quality infrastructure; ➤ Visitor welcome; ➤ Cairngorm and Glenmore; ➤ Scenic Routes; ➤ Ranger services; ➤ Outdoor learning; ➤ Active Travel; ➤ Off-road route network; ➤ Visitor numbers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development Strategy / Settlement Strategy / LDP 2; ➤ Housing Strategy; ➤ A9 and Highland mainline / Transport infrastructure; ➤ Community empowerment; ➤ Tourism growth; ➤ Regeneration areas.