

# Planning Service Newsletter

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## New CNPA website

The new CNPA website was launched in September 2015 making it even easier to find out about the National Park and what's going on in planning.



## Development Briefs

The CNPA Planning Committee adopted Development Briefs in July 2015. They give guidance on how specific housing sites should be developed for sites in [Dulnain Bridge \(HI\)](#), [Grantown-on-Spey \(HI\)](#), [Kincraig \(HI\)](#) and [Newtonmore \(HI\)](#) as non-statutory Planning Guidance. The planning team are now starting work on new Development Briefs for Carrbridge (HI) and part of Aviemore.

## Other Supplementary and non-statutory Planning Guidance

The CNPA has prepared planning guidance to help people understand how to comply with the [Local Development Plan](#) (LDP) and give more detailed guidance on specific policies. The CNPA Board is being asked to adopt the guidance on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The papers will be available [here](#) around a week before the meeting.

## Planning Performance Framework

The CNPA has prepared the annual Planning Performance Framework Report which sets out how well the planning service has performed over 2014/2015 and where improvements need to be made. You can find the [Planning Performance Framework report](#) on the planning pages of the CNPA's website.

## Action Programme

The CNPA Planning Committee adopted the Local Development Plan (LDP) [Action Programme](#), setting out the work needed to support the delivery of the LDP, in June 2015. The Action Programme includes a number of projects which are connected to or may affect development proposals in the future.

## Grantown Town Centre Pilot

The CNPA has been piloting a 'Town Centre Toolkit' for the Scottish Government in Grantown-on-Spey.



A workshop in Grantown in July 2015 aimed to find out first-hand what local businesses and community groups felt about the town centre and what they thought could help make it better. The feedback from the workshop is being used to help prepare a report on options for Grantown's town centre that will be consulted on later in the autumn.

## Construction to start on Braemar Community Hydro Project

Well done to [Braemar Community Hydro Ltd](#), ready to start construction of their hydro power scheme on the Corriemulzie Burn, Braemar in September 2015. The community company's share offer over the summer raised £800k in three months to get the project started.

The CNPA granted planning permission for the scheme in December 2013, having trialled the use of a 'Processing Agreement' to help agree timescales for determination between the applicant and CNPA for the first time.

## Speyside Way Extension Opened

During 2013 and 2014, the CNPA and Highland Council gave planning permission for new footbridges and sections of path for an extension of the Speyside Way Long Distance Route between Aviemore and Kincaig.



On 12 September 2015, The Scottish Government Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health, Jamie Hepburn MSP, opened the six mile extension and launched the new Active Cairngorms Strategy and partnership that aims to encourage residents and visitors to use the National Park for physical activity at least once a day.

## Scenic posts projects

The Cairngorms Scenic Photo Post project was launched in May this year. It aims to encourage people to get involved in understanding and monitoring landscape change.

People are encouraged to take photos from any of the 14 fixed posts throughout the National Park and upload them onto the website where they can be compared with others. For more information and to get involved:

[www.cairngorms.co.uk/photo-posts](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk/photo-posts).

## Staff changes in the CNPA planning team

There have been two staff changes in the planning team over the summer of 2015:

- [Gavin Miles](#) has been appointed as the new Head of Planning.
- [Ed Swales](#) has been appointed as the Monitoring and Enforcement Officer to replace Bruce Luffman who retired in July.

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