

Planning Service Newsletter

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As part of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016, the Cairngorms National Park Authority is inviting entries to its Design Awards Competition to showcase and celebrate the best examples of design in the National Park.

It's easy to enter, so if you know of a good development in the National Park, please enter it, or encourage the owner to enter it. The entry forms and additional guidance can be from: www.cairngorms.co.uk/design_awards

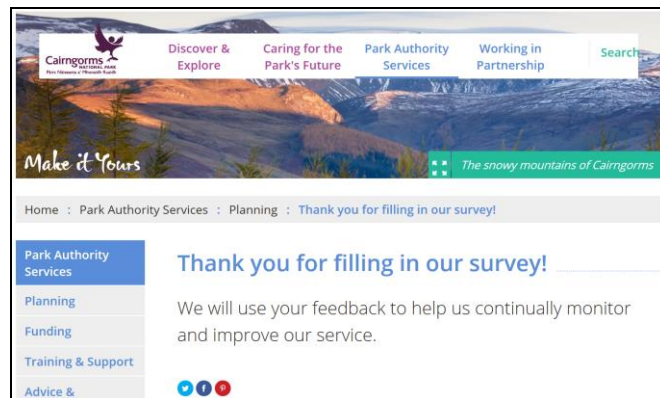
The closing date for entries is Friday **1 July 2016**.



Planning Service Customer survey

As part of our commitment to continually monitor and improve our service, we want to hear about your experiences using the CNPA's Planning Service. We welcome feedback at any time, but we have now updated of customer feedback survey to allow you to comment on the service we provide during the development management process.

If you are an applicant or have commented on a planning application, you'll be invited to complete our short survey. You can find the survey via our [planning webpages](#) or direct at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cnpa-planning-survey>



Review of Scottish Planning System

In September 2015, the Scottish Government appointed an independent panel to undertake a review of the Scottish planning system. The report and recommendations of the review, '[Empowering Planning to deliver great places](#)', were published on 31 May 2016.

Many changes to the planning system are recommended, including a review of the planning arrangements in the Cairngorms National Park. This proposal is in line with evidence we presented to the Panel and has been welcomed

by CNPA. The Scottish Ministers will now consider the report and recommendations.

LDP Monitoring Report

The first [Monitoring Report for the Cairngorms Local Development Plan 2015](#) has been prepared to give an overview of how the plan has been used in its first year of implementation. The CNPA called in 7% of application made in the National Park during the year, compared to 15% over the previous five years of the Cairngorms Local Plan.

Between March 2015 and March 2016, 361 planning applications were determined within the National Park, 27 by the CNPA. 97% of all the applications were approved and 3% refused.

Staff Changes in the CNPA Planning Team

The planning team is now fully staffed following a number of recent appointments:

- [David Berry](#) has been appointed as the new Forward Planning and Service Improvement Manager.
- [David Allan](#) has been appointed as the Planning Technician.
- [Kirsty MacKenzie](#) has been appointed as the Planning Support Officer.

You can find all the planning staff [here](#).



#BigParkBigQuestions

National Park Partnership Plan Consultation

The consultation on the next Cairngorms National Park Partnership Plan began on Monday 27 June 2016 and runs to the end of September 2016.

It is based around nine big issues for the National Park, one of which is housing. You can view and comment on the draft plan at:

www.cairngorms.co.uk

Developers Forum

The last Developers Forum meeting was held on 15 June 2016 and focussed on planning and natural heritage issues.

The next meetings will be on 26 October 2016; and 15 February 2017.

Communities Planning Representatives Network

The last Planning Representatives Network meeting was held on 15 March 2016 and the next meeting will be held on 13 September 2017.

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