



MAIN ISSUES REPORT - JOINT RESPONSE FROM BRAEMAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INVERCAULD ESTATE AND MAR ESTATE

In recent years, a number of Braemar's community groups and landowners have participated in a collaborative programme of discussions. The aim has been to arrive at agreement on a long term sustainable vision for the village.

The Braemar Community Action Plan 2017 sets out this vision. It brings together a wide range of actions and projects which the Braemar community thinks are achievable and would deliver benefits for the village. Five themes are identified:

- Visitor experience
- Active Braemar
- Youth and Learning
- Community Capability
- Housing and Economic Development

Delivering some aspects of the Community Action Plan vision will require land or buildings for new developments. The village can already provide for some of these requirements. However, there is a significant need for new housing and business space to meet local needs. This must be delivered at a rate which allows the village to grow organically and enhances the character of Braemar as a place to live and work, not just a tourist destination.

The CNPA has published its Main Issues Report for consultation. We do not believe the report goes far enough to meet the aspirations of the village or to embrace the community's desire to have a planned long term solution to Braemar's development needs.

Braemar needs a good supply of opportunities for much needed affordable and market housing and also business and office space. This needs to be planned for in a long term, as opposed to a piecemeal, fashion. To enable people to live and work in the village year-round, we need to be more ambitious in looking at the sites available. It is important that sufficient options are available given that some sites may not be developed for currently unforeseeable reasons. This is evidenced by the low delivery rate of existing Local Development Plan allocations.

The CNPA should reflect the ambitions of the Braemar community in its emerging Local Development Plan. It should enable the delivery of the Braemar Community Action Plan vision by making adequate land available for the kind of developments the village needs. The plan must not constrict the aspirations of this active and dynamic village community.

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