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## Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020 Main Issues Report

### Comments Form

#### Introduction

We are asking for your views on the big issues that the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020 will need to address and the options for tackling them. The Main Issues Report sets out choices for the land allocations that could be made for development, and for policies that will be used to make decisions on applications for planning permission. This consultation is your chance to influence the new Local Development Plan to help make sure it:

- provides the homes, jobs and services that our communities need
- protects and enhances the Park's unique environment and cultural heritage for future generations

The consultation runs from **17 November 2017 to 2 March 2018**.

- All documents are available to view at **[www.cairngorms.co.uk](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk)**
- Comments can be emailed to **[planning@cairngorms.co.uk](mailto:planning@cairngorms.co.uk)**
- Or posted to:  
**Cairngorms National Park Authority**  
**FREEPOST NAT 21454**  
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**Please use extra sheets if required.**

Alternatively, an online version is available to complete at **[www.cairngorms.co.uk](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk)**

**All comments must be received by 5pm on Friday 2 March 2018.**

#### Your details

Title .....  
Name .....  
Organisation (if applicable) *Dalwhinnie Community Council*  
Address .....  
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Email .....  
Telephone .....

Please tick if you are happy to receive correspondence via email ☒

Please tick to confirm you are happy for us to hold and use your personal data according to fair collection purposes ☒

Please note we will not store personal data for anyone aged 16 or under – please tick if you are aged 16 or under ☐

#### Data protection

Your details will only be used for purposes associated with the Main Issues Report consultation and Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020. You may request to see personal information held by the CNPA at any time.

#### Fair collection statement

As a registered Data Controller, the Cairngorms National Park Authority will collect, store and use your personal data for the purpose of informing the content of the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020. We will not publish any address information, but may include your name against any comments, if you have confirmed that you are happy for us to do so in the 'Your Details' section.

## Key Questions (Y/N – delete as appropriate)

### Planning in the Cairngorms National Park

Q: We propose to use the vision and long-term outcomes set out in the National Park Partnership Plan as the 'vision statement' for the Local Development Plan.

Do you agree with this approach? **YES** Select

Please explain your answer

As long as it is relevant to each local area

### Progress in delivering the current Local Development Plan

Q: Do you agree with our conclusions about the changes that need to be made to policies in the existing Local Development Plan? **Select YES**

Q: Do you think any other changes are needed? **Select NO**

Please explain your answers

Affordable housing is NOT needed unless/until there is employment available

### Main Issue 1 Over-arching development strategy

Q: Do you agree that the overall development strategy of the current Local Development Plan remains appropriate, and that we should use this as the basis for the next Local Development Plan? **Y**

Please explain your answer

Although I would question the designation of Dalwhinnie – should be a Rural Settlement

### Main Issue 2 Designing great places

Q: Do you agree that the new Local Development Plan should include a new policy requiring development proposals to show how they meet the six qualities of successful places? **Y**

Q: Do you agree that we should include a clearer policy in the new Local Development Plan to set out when tools such as masterplans and development briefs will be used? **Y**

Please explain your answers

Small scale applications should be exempt from the 6 qualities rule

### Main Issue 3 Impacts and opportunities from the A9 and Highland Main Line upgrades

Q: Do you agree with our proposals to allocate new employment land to take advantage of the opportunities for inward investment associated with the A9 and rail upgrades? **Select YES**

Q: Do you agree that we should seek to support those communities that are at risk of being by-passed by the A9 dualling project? **Select YES**

Please explain your answers

There is also considerable risk of communities being by-passed by the rail upgrades with reduced stopping at places such as Dalwhinnie, Newtonmore & Cambridgt

### Main Issue 4 Housing

A) How much new housing do we need and where should it be built?

Q: Do you agree with our proposed Housing Supply Targets for the next Local Development Plan? **Y**

Q: Do you agree that the proposed Housing Land Requirements are sufficiently generous? **Y**

Q: Do you agree with our overall conclusions about the need for additional new housing sites in the new Local Development Plan? **Y**

Please explain your answers

The main issue with housing is: How can the rise in 2nd home ownership be stopped/reversed? It's no good building lots of new houses if they are not going to be permanent residences

## B) Housing growth around Aviemore

Q: Do you agree that we should include long-term development land in the Local Development Plan which could be released for development in the event that An Camas Mòr does not progress as envisaged?

Y

Please explain your answer

Always best to have a fall back position

## Main Issue 5 The affordability of housing

Q: Do you agree that we should increase the affordable housing requirement to 35% in Ballater and Braemar, and to 45% in Aviemore and Blair Atholl?

Y

Q: Do you agree that we should include policies to require a greater mix of house types and sizes, including more smaller homes?

Y

Please explain your answers

The main problem with affordable housing is how do you prevent them becoming affordable 2nd homes?

## Main Issue 6 Economic development

Q: Do you agree that the new Local Development Plan should identify a limited number of new economic development sites?

Y

Please explain your answer

The flexible policies should be continued

## Main Issue 7 Impacts on Natura designations

Q: Do you agree that the new Local Development Plan should include a more co-ordinated approach towards delivering wider packages of capercaillie mitigation and conservation measures?

Y

Please explain your answer

Areas of protected woodland need to be "connected" to provide wildlife corridors

## Main Issue 8 Planning obligations

Q: Do you agree that the new Local Development Plan should include a revised and more rigorously justified policy on planning obligations?

Y

Q: Do you agree that this should be supported by more specific guidance in the plan about what planning obligations will be required in different settlements/locations?

Y

Please explain your answers

Location specific obligations are the way forward but the locals should have some input

## Main Issue 9 Flood risk and climate change resilience

Q: Do you agree that the new Local Development Plan should include a stronger policy requirement for SUDS to be considered in all new development proposals?

Y

Please explain your answer

SUDS are OK as long as they take into account the risk they pose to areas down stream

## Main Issue 10 Land management in upland areas

Q: Do you agree that the new Local Development Plan should include an amended policy to reflect the National Park Partnership Plan's presumption against new hill tracks in open moorland areas?

Y

Please explain your answer

Presumption against new tracks should be built in.

## Settlements

Please tick which settlement you are commenting on.  
Comments for different settlements should be provided on separate sheets.

An Camas Mòr ..... ☐  
Angus Glens ..... ☐  
Aviemore ..... ☐  
Ballater ..... ☐  
Blair Atholl ..... ☐  
Boat of Garten ..... ☐  
Braemar ..... ☐  
Bruar & Pitagowan ..... ☐  
Calvine ..... ☐  
Carr-Bridge ..... ☐

Cromdale ..... ☐  
Dalwhinnie ..... ☒  
Dinnet ..... ☐  
Dulnain Bridge ..... ☐  
Glenlivet ..... ☐  
Glenmore ..... ☐  
Glenshee ..... ☐  
Grantown-on-Spey ..... ☐  
Insh ..... ☐  
Inverdrue & Coylumbridge ..... ☐

Killiecrankie ..... ☐  
Kincraig ..... ☐  
Kingussie ..... ☐  
Laggan ..... ☐  
Nethy Bridge ..... ☐  
Newtonmore ..... ☐  
Strathdon ..... ☐  
Tomintoul ..... ☐

(Y/N – delete as appropriate)

Q: Have we identified the right issues for this settlement (where relevant)? **Select Y**

Q: Do you agree with the proposed settlement objectives? **Select Y**

Q: Do you agree with the preferred site options (where relevant)? **Select N**

Q: Do you agree with the protected open spaces (where relevant)? **Select Y**

Q: Do you agree with the proposed settlement boundary (where relevant)? **Select Y**

Please explain your answers

Preferred site options are subject to flooding so should not be developed (along with H1). The areas FHC05b/H1 and the area next to them should be protected open space as there are numerous nesting birds using these spaces. Settlement boundary should include the area between the distillery & the rest of the village.

**If you have any other general comments on the topics you think the Local Development Plan 2020 should address, please let us know.**

### What happens next?

Consultation responses will be collated and a report of the consultation published. We will use this to inform the preparation of the Proposed Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020. We expect to publish this for a further period of public comment in late 2018.

We will regularly update on progress via [www.cairngorms.co.uk](http://www.cairngorms.co.uk) and on Facebook and Twitter via @cairngormsnews and #BigParkBigQuestions.

### Queries

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