

Planning Service Newsletter

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Local Development Plan 2020

We recently consulted on the Main Issues Report (MIR) for the new Local Development Plan. Set to be adopted in 2020, the new Local Development Plan (LDP) will provide policies and allocations for development throughout the Park for the period 2020 – 2025.

The MIR is the first stage in producing the new LDP. It sought views on Park-wide policy issues as well as settlement-based proposals and issues. The feedback from the consultation was presented to Planning Committee on 29th June. Important issues discussed included the allocation of new housing land across the Park and increasing affordable housing requirements in some areas. The Committee papers are available on our [website](#).

The material drawn from the MIR consultation is now being used to inform the preparation of the new Local Development Plan. Looking forward, the next stage of the process is to draft a Proposed LDP and publish it for a further period of consultation. The planning team aim to publish the Proposed LDP towards the end of 2018.



MIR Consultation,
Aviemore (30/01/18)

Post-Main Issues Report – New Sites consultation

As part of the analysis of responses to the Main Issues Report, we have identified a small number of new allocations we wish to include in the Proposed Plan. These were not included in the original MIR.

We are therefore undertaking an additional focused consultation on these sites which will run **from 13 August until 21 September 2018**. Any comments made on other issues or sites from the Main Issues Report will not be considered at this stage.

You can view the consultation document and find out how to respond on our website from 13 August 2018.

Tomintoul Dark Skies

The CNPA and Tomintoul & Glenlivet Landscape Partnership (TGLP) are applying to the International Dark Sky Association for an area of 265 km² within the TGLP boundary to become a 'Dark Sky Park'. The surrounding hills block out the light pollution from neighbouring settlements and so the underlying quality of the night skies in this area of the Park is excellent.

There are only four other areas of the UK who have achieved this status, one other in Scotland, the Galloway Forest Park.



Dark Sky Reflection, Cairngorms

The Planning Bill – An Update

The Scottish Government's review of the planning system has progressed. The Planning Bill is currently being scrutinised by the Local Government and Communities Committee.

The Committee recently published its Stage 1 report and the Bill is now expected to move to Stage 2 in September, when the Committee considers amendments to the Bill. You can find out more on the [Scottish Government's website](#)

Aviemore Development Brief

A Development Brief for the Aviemore Highland Resort (AHR) was approved by the Planning Committee in April for adoption as non-statutory planning guidance.

The aim of Development Brief is to guide the development of the wider AHR by providing a land use and development framework. You can view the Development Brief on our [website](#).

Badenoch Great Place Project

At the beginning of this year, the CNPA received confirmation that funding from the National Lottery's new Great Place Scheme has been secured. £352,000 will be injected into the project which is designed to help shape the area's future as a heritage tourism destination.

It will help develop projects centred on the area's unique culture and heritage, enhancing the visitor experience and promoting economic opportunities.



Europarc Conference

This year the Cairngorms National Park will host the annual [Europarc Conference](#) on 18th – 21st September. The theme of the conference is 'Inspired by the Next Generation', a fitting theme alongside Scotland's Year of Young People 2018.

As part of the conference, a Youth Manifesto is being written by 50 young people from across Europe. The Manifesto highlights the issues that

young people face living, learning and working in National Parks, and offers solutions to begin to address them. Particular issues include housing, transport, recreational facilities, education and employment opportunities.

Capercaillie Framework

A project which seeks to provide improved habitat for Capercaillie has successfully received Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF). HLF have committed £346,500 for the initial 18 months development phase of the project, with a possible £2.25 million for the delivery phase.



Carr-Bridge is set to pilot the project, a great opportunity for the community to get involved and contribute to developing a robust and viable Capercaillie population for the future generations.

Developers Forum

The next meeting of the Developers Forum is expected to be held in November 2018.

Planning Representatives Network

The next meeting is expected to be held on 27 September 2018.

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