

Cairngorm Mountain - CNPA Working Principles

1. Cairngorm and Glenmore are together an iconic destination in the Cairngorms National Park. The area attracts around 40% of all visitors to the National Park and is in public ownership on behalf of the people of Scotland. The Cairngorm Estate is managed by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the National Forest Estate is managed by Forest and Land Scotland.
2. The area is of great importance for recreation and conservation and its long term management is crucial for the local economy.
3. The CNPA Board agreed at its meeting on 29 March 2019 a set of principles to guide the work of the CNPA on Cairngorm Mountain. These principles provide the strategic framework for developing work with partners over the long term.
 - a) Any proposals should fit with the National Park Partnership Plan, Local Development Plan and the Cairngorm & Glenmore Strategy.
 - b) Any proposals should be part of a masterplan for the ski area as per the proposed new Local Development Plan.
 - c) Any proposals should be cognisant of climate change scenarios to ensure long term sustainability.
 - d) Cairngorm Mountain should provide a good Scottish ski experience with facilities and uplift commensurate with scale.
 - e) Cairngorm Mountain should provide opportunities for all to learn winter sports.
 - f) Summer visitors should be provided with an opportunity to enjoy the mountain environment and be close to nature and wildness.
 - g) The operational model for Cairngorm Mountain needs to be fit for purpose and affordable in the long-term.
 - h) Any infrastructure investment should be in keeping with the mountain environment.
 - i) The wider Cairngorm Estate should be managed for nature and recreation and any future development within the ski area should be done with minimal environmental impact.
4. There are a range of significant decisions that will need to be taken over the next 18 months and beyond and the CNPA want to ensure partners and the wider public have clarity on the high level CNPA position. Any planning applications to the CNPA will be assessed and dealt with in the usual manner.
5. The CNPA will play its part to help deliver a sustainable future for Cairngorm Mountain.

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