

REPRESENTATION FORM

Introduction

The Proposed Local Development Plan (the Plan) sets out a strategy for future development in the Cairngorms National Park. It includes sites and proposals for development as well as the policies that will be used to make decisions on applications for planning permission. We aim to formally adopt the Plan in 2020 when the Local Development Plan 2015 comes to an end. The Plan focuses on the five year period until 2025. It also includes development proposals for the 10 year period until 2030, as well as providing a general indication of the likely scale and location of development as far as 20 years into the future.

How to comment

You can use this form to submit your comments on the Plan. Please complete a separate form for each part of the Plan you want to comment on.

All comments should be submitted no later than 5pm, Friday 5 April 2019.

Email: planning@cairngorms.co.uk

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You must submit your name and address to ensure your comments can be considered valid. This is because the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) is required by legislation to contact you in relation to your response.

Fair Collection Statement

As a registered Data Controller, the CNPA will collect, store and use your personal data for the purpose of informing the content of the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020. You may request to see personal information held by the CNPA at any time. Information will be shared with the Scottish Government Department of Planning and Environment Appeals and may be published on our website. We will not publish address details but may publish the name of the person who has completed the form. By completing and submitting the form, you are consenting to the above.

Your details

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Organisation Woodland Crofts Partnership.....

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If you are representing a third party, please give their details below.

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Organisation

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1. Which section of the Plan would you like to comment on? (Please state clearly which policy, settlement, site reference number, paragraph number etc, your comment relates to)

We wish to comment primarily on Policy 1: New Housing Development, in particular 1.3: Other Housing in the Countryside, but our comments are also relevant to Policy 2: Supporting Economic Growth.

2. What is your comment on this section of the Plan?

Policy 1 does not mention housing on crofts, nor does the Plan more generally refer to crofting.

Crofting is available as a form of land tenure in almost half (ca 45%) of the CNP area, either in the former county of Inverness-shire, or in the new crofting parishes in the local government area of Moray, designated by the Scottish Government in 2010. These two areas together comprise the bulk of the north and west of the CNP. Throughout this part of the CNP, it is possible to create new crofts under the provisions of the Crofting Reform etc Act 2007, and it is likely crofters would wish to build houses on new crofts.

The Crofting Commission and Scottish Government both support the creation of new crofts, including woodland crofts.

Most croft housing is likely to fall under Policy 1.3: Other Housing in the Countryside. We consider however the wording of 1.3(a) potentially restrictive to those wishing to build houses on crofts, and therefore inconsistent with other CNPA Plans, eg the CNPA Forestry Strategy 2018 Section 4.4: Forests & People, which supports the creation of woodland crofts.

3. Please state clearly what change/s you wish to see made to the Plan to address your comment

We would like to see explicit reference to crofting in Policy 1.3, supporting housing on crofts where other policies are met. Clearly, a crofter has 'a locational requirement directly linked to the countryside' as per the existing policy wording but we believe an explicit reference that crofts are included in 'business' as covered by this policy would be helpful. Further, we would like to see the policy recognise new crofts (including new woodland crofts) - the current reference to 'active' business could be seen to discriminate against new start-ups, which we would argue should be encouraged, not least under Policy 2: Supporting Economic Growth.

What happens next?

Following the consultation period, all responses will be collated and assessed. The Proposed Local Development Plan and all consultation responses will then be submitted to Scottish Ministers and subject to an Examination by an independent Planning Reporter. You can keep up to date with progress on www.cairngorms.co.uk and Facebook and Twitter via [@cairngormsnews](https://twitter.com/cairngormsnews)

Queries

If you have any queries about the consultation process, please contact a member of the Planning Policy team.

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