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To Whom it May Concern

Re: CNP Local Development Plan 2020 Feedback

I write an email as the online comments via SurveyMonkey require a particular policy to be selected and the comments form is also specific to a particular section. In this case the feedback addresses all, so hence the email.

As some of you will know I have a keen passion for rural transport and am the lead for the Cairngorms Connected rural transport project which has over 20 stakeholders involved. I was also asked to sit on a Transport Scotland Working Group to bring my rural knowledge and expertise on the subject to the design of an investment fund. To that end I feel I am qualified to make the following observations and comments.

One cannot assume that those living in the National Park have access to a car. These assumptions have previously been made. The word 'transport' features in the Local Development Plan only 23 times yet transport and mobility underpin all the policies listed (as below)

1. New housing development
2. Supporting economic growth
3. Design and placemaking
4. Natural heritage
5. Landscape
6. The siting and design of digital communications equipment
7. Renewable energy
8. Open space, sport and recreation
9. Cultural heritage
10. Resources
11. Developer obligations

As the evidence gathered by Cairngorms Connected in recent workshops, surveys, interviews with businesses, employees, visitors and the public supports, there may be a desire to support economic growth or provide cultural experiences but there are serious barriers to those living, working, employing or visiting the park in terms of transportation be that accessibility, affordability or even choice. A summary of the findings can be provided but the Local Development Plan needs to take more consideration of how goods and people are able to move around the area.

Secondly, it is bold to state " promot[e] active travel and public transport provision and reducing the reliance on private motor vehicles;" (point 4.52). If this is a clear aim then there needs to be more consideration in the LDP as to how this will happen and a clearer understanding of the barriers that currently exist and not just focusing on development rights.

Finally, there is only one mention of the A95 trunk road and that is on page 155. It is a key route in the area and should be addressed as such.

Kind Regards

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