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## CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

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**Title:** Section 13 Duty Casework

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**Purpose:** This paper provides an update to members on access casework for the current year to date.

### Advice Sought

No advice is currently sought from members. The period since the last LOAF meeting has seen a number of new cases arise, a proportion of these have been resolved while others are currently ongoing or to be investigated. These cases are similar to ongoing trends in that they are non-serious and generally not affecting key routes such as core paths.

### Summary of S14 casework currently in hand

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Live cases</b>	12
<b>Closed cases</b>	2
<b>TOTAL for year</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Older cases (live)</b>	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

### Casework/Enquiries Handling Process

We are currently testing an improved, more comprehensive system of recording and processing casework/enquiries. The purpose of this is to improve the quality of recording, determine more precisely the volume and range of casework/enquiries received and handled and from this understand more fully the resource implications of this work.

In accordance with the above members will notice a more detailed recording sheet has been appended. Please note: this includes a considerable number of non S14 recording and members will principally be interested in records where the 'Issue Type' is recorded as 'access rights' although not all of these records have developed into casework.

In due course the SI4 records provided to members may be refined however at this stage it was felt worthwhile to supply the full list and in order that members are aware of the breadth and type of enquiries handled.

### **New Cases**

New cases recorded since the last meeting are summarised below:

**Case 2018 – 37: Glenmore, nr Loch Morlich:** Complaint over non-compliant signage near Loch Morlich. Raised with FCS who have removed the signs. Case resolved

**Case 2018 – 51: Logie Coldstone, nr Bellabeg:** Complaint received over potential obstruction created by laser stock fencing trial affecting. Case under investigation.

**Case 2018 – 66: Braemar Golf Course, Braemar:** Complaint relates to side gates adjacent to the cattle grids that are not suitable for horse riders. Case under investigation.

**Case 2018 – 00: Pitmain Estate, nr Kingussie:** Report received alleging newly installed deer fencing obstructing access to Loch Gynack. Investigation concluded. Additional gate installed by landowner to mitigate new fence. Case resolved.

**Case 2018 – 09: Candacraig Est, nr Glen Buchat:** Report of locked gate obstructing access rights onto nearby hill ground. Case under investigation.

**Case 2018 – 54: Kinncraig, nr River Feshie:** Complaint over exiting fence over path causing obstruction to access rights. Case under investigation

### **Cases Ongoing**

**Case 33 Glen Lochy Estate, nr Grantown on Spey:** Prohibitive signage reported to be creating obstruction where it is fixed to a gate across a hill access track where it leaves the A939. Remains under discussion through planning informative.

**Case 35 – Dalnaspidal nr Drumochter:** Complaint over 'No Camping' sign fixed to gate giving non-motorised to estate track. Landowner contacted. Removal anticipated.

**Case 36 – Kinncraig, nr Alvie, Dunachton Est:** Locked deer gate across hill track. Prioritised as low due to remote location. To be allocated.

**Case 41 - Angus, Glen Mark:** Prohibitive signage. Prioritised as low due to remote location. To be allocated.

**Case 42 – Duthil, Nr Auchterteang Farm:** Prioritised as low due to remote location. Investigation carried out. Further action to be determined.

**Case 42: Aviemore, nr Granish:** locked gate investigated and under discussion. Actions to be confirmed. Ongoing

### **Closed Cases**

**Case 2018 – 00: Pitmain Estate, nr Kingussie:** as above, additional gate installed. Complainant contacted. Case closed.

**Case 2018 – 37: Glenmore:** as above, signs removed by FCS. Case closed.

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