

Badenoch & Strathspey Conservation Group  
**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE**  
**Hearing Session**

**Provision of the Local Plan**

Carrbridge H1

**Summary of objection(s)**

Conflicts with the aims of the Park

The woodland is of national importance for the UK Priority Red Data Book 1 species and Scottish Biodiversity List species the narrow-headed ant. There are more nests of this species in the proposed development site than in all of England, Deeside and Tayside combined. This is the most northerly known population in the UK.

The developer's out of date survey for this species, and other wood ants on the SBL, is significantly incomplete.

Some nests are located in locations where it would be impossible to construct the infrastructure without destroying the nest and important ant foraging areas nearby.

The site is rich in other SBL species of invertebrates, such as Cousin German moth and the spider *Dipoena torva*, and the Small Pearl bordered fritillary butterfly, amongst others.

The site has rare and notable invertebrates, including a recent record of 5 spot ladybird.

It is part of a habitat network for the endangered capercaillie.

It has an unusually high density of red squirrel dreys, and supports brown hares.

Other protected species, such as bats, badger, and pine marten and adder use the site.

It supports a range of rare plant species, including some 4 red listed species on the long established meadows, and rare pinewood species. It supports the UK Priority species Juniper.

It supports an important assemblages of both pinewood and grassland fungi, including PERL species, and various species of tooth fungi that are UK Priority species.

Priority habitats on the site include Caledonian pinewood and bog woodland and dry heath.

Outline conditions set by the Reporter have demonstrably not been met relating to hydrology and wildlife

**Recommendation.**

Omit entire allocation from LP.

We strongly recommend that the CNPA should recognise this site as of SSSI standard, and should recognise it as a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier site at a minimum.

Woodland surrounding H1 should be zoned as Environment to make it clear that Carrbridge will not expand further into this woodland.

Woodland around Landmark and south of Station Road should similarly be zoned as Environment

HC Statement of observations Appeal against refusal of outline permission 03/292/OUTBS Housing development at Carrbridge.

Gus Jones 2007 A site worth Saving Northern Newsletter 21. Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Ransom T. 2009. Report on 5 spot ladybird.

Local and national press extracts. 2002-present.

Critique of Hydrology Report. BSCG

Strathy 24.6.04

“Carrbridge ... has very little need at all for the expensive housing that the developers propose” Scott Bruce Chairman Carrbridge Community Council.

“The community is substantially against the development because of the scale ... Carrbridge is going to become a suburban village” Scott Bruce Chairman Carrbridge Community Council.

P&J June 04. Barney Mackie “Everyone in the community is united and this development was unsustainable”