

Badenoch & Strathspey Conservation Group
STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE
Hearing Session

Provision of the Local Plan

Kingussie H1 and settlement boundary.

Summary of objection(s)

H1 is excessive in scale and conflicts with the aims of the Park.

This site is a valuable landscape feature and is an important, open area for walking, and other recreation, and affords excellent views. It links well with other paths around the community.

It is likely to support some invertebrates (especially Lepidoptera) of conservation significance.

It supports rabbits, prey for EPS Wildcat.

This allocation conflicts with the 1st, 3rd and 4th aims of the Park.

Object to settlement boundary. This should follow the road at St Vincents rather than including existing woodland and former grounds of St Vincents. This will safeguard this important habitat, which supports squirrels and their dreys, and is attractive, natural birch and Scots pines, and includes land on the AWI.

Recommendation.

Omit H1 allocation from LP.

Re-align settlement boundary at St Vincents so the boundary follows the road rather than including woodland and former grounds of St Vincent's.