

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

**Provision of the Local Plan**

**5.60 Background and Justification Policy 22**

**Summary of objection(s)**

The inclusion of 'to ensure adequate effective land supply at all times' in final sentence.

We are aware of the requirements of a planning authority in a LP. However, the CNPA has to set limits to growth at some stage. The present LP promotes a level of growth that is unsustainable. Already, the level of growth promoted by the CNPA in this LP is identified as conflicting with the 1<sup>st</sup> aim, and causing significant adverse impacts on natural and cultural heritage, on important biodiversity and habitats, on people's enjoyment of the NP, on the special qualities, etc.

By promoting housing growth the CNPA is promoting population growth and therefore an increase in the requirement for affordable housing as each new generation of new households with local connections enters the housing market. We are therefore profoundly concerned at the future impact of the approach adopted in this LP.

In addition to the above impacts, we are also concerned that the CNPA's apparent inability to recognise the environmental impacts of their allocations could mean extending the settlement boundaries (e.g. in the next local plan or the one after). It should be clarified in the present LP what the CNPA's thinking on this is.

**Recommendation.**

The CNPA should clarify what their thinking is on the question of future housing growth.

Omit 'to ensure adequate effective land supply at all times' in final sentence.