

Badenoch & Strathspey Conservation Group
STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE
Hearing Session

Provision of the Local Plan

General comment

Lack of conformity with Park Plan definition of sustainable development

Summary of objection(s)

That developments proposed in the LP do not conform to the definition of sustainable development provided in the Park Plan, which is quoted in the LP in 5.2.

This definition states that future generations will be able to enjoy the special qualities to a comparable degree as at present.

Yet the scale and pace of loss of, for example, long established grassland, native woodlands (both deciduous and coniferous), agricultural land, special biodiversity, valued landscapes, long established paths, cherished views, wild qualities of land near settlements, and so on, proposed in the LP contradicts this aspiration.

In addition, the allocations in the LP will result in a degradation of further areas that are not directly lost through building.

The allocations in the LP have significant adverse implications for climate change (see Objections to 5 Living and Working in the Park).

Recommendation.

The LP should conform to the definition of sustainable development provided in the PP.

The CNPA should provide a realistic appraisal of the impact of the LP on, for example, long established grassland, native woodlands (both deciduous and coniferous), agricultural land, special biodiversity, valued landscapes, long established paths, cherished views, wild qualities of land near settlements, etc.

Market Research Partners, Edinburgh. (2008). Public Perceptions of Wild Places and Landscapes in Scotland. Commissioned Report No.291(ROAME No. F06NC03). SNH Commissioned Report.