

Badenoch & Strathspey Conservation Group
STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE
Hearing Session

Provision of the Local Plan

Aviemore H1, H2 and H3

Summary of objection(s)

These allocations conflict with the aims of the Park.

These 3 sites are all very attractive and make important landscape contributions to Aviemore (conflict with 1st and 3rd and 4th aims).

They are all valuable for biodiversity. H1 supports at least 1 red listed plant as well as natural birch woodland. H2 and H3 support natural birch woodland with rich ground vegetation. (Conflict with 1st and 3rd and 4th aims)

All 3 sites are very close to housing areas and are readily accessible, and are important walking areas and are also used for biking, playing in, etc. H1 is also close and accessible to visitor accommodation at Scandinavian Village and AHR. (Conflict with 3rd and 4th aims).

Recommendation.

Omit H2 and H3 entirely from LP.

Omit H1 largely from LP. A small area of H1 near the AHR road could be developed without impacting badly on the rest of the site, which is the more valuable area.