## Cairngorms National Park Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 Consultation 25 January – 5 April 2019

## **REPRESENTATION FORM**

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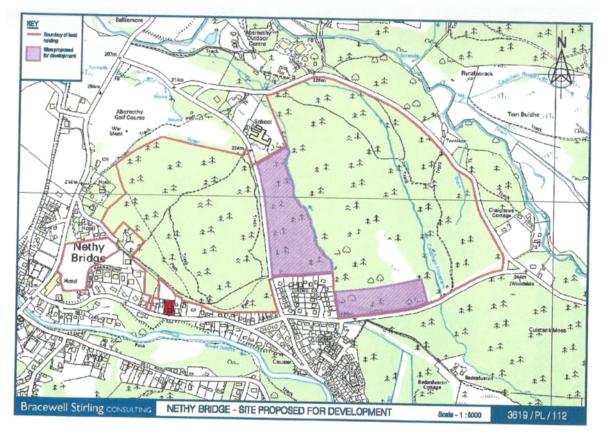
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Site to North and North-east of Hotel, Nethybridge as contained in the Proposed Local Development Plan CNPA 2020.

Our client, Tulloch Homes Ltd, wish to make a representation in regard to the site to the North and North-East of the Hotel, Nethybridge.

Our clients suggest that this site, an area to the rear (north and north-east) of the Hotel, which they own, be considered for residential development, the extent of their landownership is outlined in red and shown below:



This area extends to 2.63 ha of rough ground with no lease in place, we are not aware of any other use or public access. The site has been the subject of a planning application in 2005 for 9 houses, which was considered at that time to be underdevelopment, and is very central to the village core and all village facilities.

We understand that that site is suggested as Protected Open Space (see below) but would suggest that Nethybridge is well catered for in terms of public open space and this field serves little or no function in terms of overall provision.



For these reasons, our clients ask that the CNPA consider this more centrally located site, be considered for a residential allocation.

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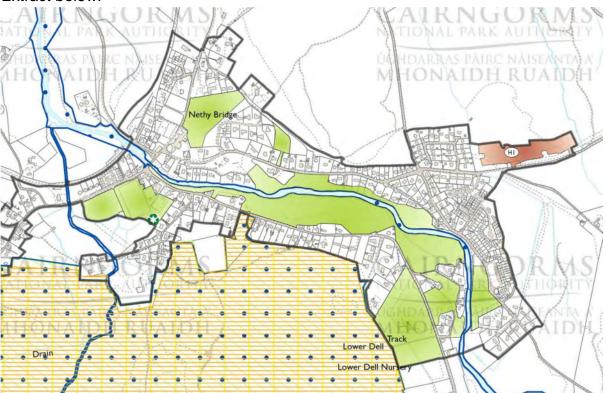
Representation regarding site previously referred to as former H1 Site, Craigmore Road, Nethybridge as contained in the Proposed Local Development Plan CNPA 2020.

Our client, Tulloch Homes Ltd, wish to make a representation in regard to the site previously referred to as H1 allocation at Nethybridge. Our clients are disappointed to see to see within the document that this is not a Preferred site and is instead proposed for deletion.

Examination of the Proposed LDP suggests 2 sites are preferred with a direction of growth of the village to the south and south-east, these two sites would only provide an anticipated 24 homes within the plan period

The MIR report for Nethybridge recognises the importance of maintaining community facilities, for ensuring the delivery of new housing, for providing affordable housing to the community and notes the issue of flood management and resilience. The H1 allocation in the 2015 LDP was allocated for 15 units with delivery in the first 5 years, requiring

"This site has capacity for around 15 units in the east of the village. Development of the site will retain enough woodland to allow for movement of species between areas of woodland to the sides of the site and retain the woodland setting of this part of the village. A small water course runs near to the site and a flood risk assessment may be required in support of any further planning application or reserved matters." Extract below:



This site was allocated after a history of applications on the site, including at one time an application for 58 homes which included 25% affordable housing. Latterly, discussion with the CNPA suggested that a smaller, lower density development of 25 units including 25% affordable housing might be more appropriate but would need to include a commitment to planting and management of the adjacent woodland.

It appears that this site has failed to be preferred as the site is considered

- to represent a linear extension of the settlement
- distance from village centre, school and bus stops
- landscape and ecological impact.

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In response to these statements, our clients would argue that

- Site H1, a preferred site equally represents a linear extension to the southeast of the village.
- The preferred sites are equally removed from the settlement core, and described as a moderate distance from village facilities, bus stops, other housing etc.
- Any potential landscape and ecological impacts can be addressed by a carefully considered layout within the site, taking cognisance of the woodland. An ecological study with management plan for the rest of the wood, would ensure maximising the ecology value and offsetting the loss of ancient woodland, whilst providing opportunities for continued management and improvement.

**NETHY BRIDGE** 

Our client considers that the former H1 site is in as sustainable location as the alternatives proposed and given the history of the site should be retained for housing development.

As a final alternative, if the site at Craigmore Road, Nethybridge is not considered appropriate for development, our clients ask that consideration be given to switching the allocation to that area of ground behind (to the north and north-east) the Hotel, (which they control), which is currently defined as Open Space, as this is vacant ground, which is close to all village facilities. This alternative proposal will be the subject of a separate Response.