

ANGUS COUNCIL

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DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 9 APRIL 2019**

**NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATIONS
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 – PROPOSED PLAN**

REPORT BY HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

ABSTRACT

This Report comments on and provides the suggested basis for the Council's response to consultation on the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020 – Proposed Plan.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) note the publication for consultation of the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020 – Proposed Plan and accompanying Proposed Action Programme, range of supporting assessments and evidence base;
- (ii) agree this Report as the basis for the Council's response to the Cairngorms National Park Authority and that no formal objection is made to the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020 – Proposed Plan;
- (iii) agree that the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2021 – Proposed Plan be taken into account as a material consideration for development management purposes in the assessment of planning applications and development proposals affecting that part of the Cairngorm National Park within the Angus; and
- (iv) refer this report to the Development Standards Committee for noting.

2 ALIGNMENT TO ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

- 2.1 This report comments on and provides the suggested basis for the Council's response to the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020 - Proposed Plan. When adopted it will replace the existing Cairngorms Local Plan (2010) and provide the framework for development of that part of the Cairngorms National Park in Angus. The report considers the potential implications of the consultation documents on the Angus Council administrative area and therefore has the potential to impact on the priorities in the Angus Council Plan 2017-2022 and the following local outcomes in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2030 and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- Attractive employment opportunities

PEOPLE

- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

PLACE

- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- A reduced carbon footprint
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Cairngorms National Park Authority published the Cairngorms National Park Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 on 25 January 2019 with the period for representation extending until 5 April 2019. When adopted, the Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 will replace the current Cairngorms National Park LDP, adopted in March 2015. The Proposed Local Development Plan and supporting documents are available to view at: <https://cairngorms.co.uk/consultation/proposed-plan/>
- 3.2 For the purposes of land use planning the National Park Authority works alongside five local authorities – Aberdeenshire, Angus, Highland, Moray and Perth & Kinross. When adopted, the Proposed Local Development Plan and any published supplementary guidance will set out detailed policies and proposals for the Cairngorms National Park area and will provide the framework against which all planning applications will be judged. Members will recall that at present, with the exception of those proposals which are ‘called in’ for determination by the National Park Authority, planning applications within the part of Angus included in the National Park are dealt with by Angus Council in the context of the National Park Development Plan policy and the agreed protocols established between Angus and Park Authority.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The Proposed Plan maintains the focus on the conservation and enhancement of the natural and cultural heritage of the National Park, while promoting sustainable economic and social development of the areas communities and sustainable use of natural resources set out in the current adopted Local Development Plan. The Proposed Plan continues to focus development on identified strategic and intermediate settlements where facilities and services are located. The aim of the main policies, proposals and land allocations support this broad objective.
- 4.2 The area of Angus contained within the National Park boundary covers the isolated upper parts of the Angus Glens – Glen Isla, Glen Prosen and Glen Clova. Other than Clova village the population and pattern of development is dispersed with housing and farm steadings confined mostly to the glen floors and lower slopes of the area. Forestry, farming, land management and sporting estates are the main activities; the area also provides a resource for recreation, tourism and natural heritage interests with good access to the hills and mountains.
- 4.3 The Angus Glens area is identified as a Rural Settlement area – the third tier in the settlement hierarchy. The Angus Glens area has no defined settlement boundary and the Proposed Plan makes no land allocations for development indicating that development should be small scale, organic in nature and designed to meet local needs only. The objectives of the Plan for the Angus Glens provide support for:
- development that reflects and respects the dispersed nature of Angus Glens;
 - appropriate economic growth which supports a thriving community;
 - small scale organic growth through the Local Development Plan’s housing policy.
- 4.4 No specific land allocations for housing, economy or tourism have been identified by the Proposed Plan for the Angus Glens. However infill and windfall development for housing, economy and tourism which supports the needs of the community and meets the objectives for the area will be supported. The Proposed Plan (pages 60 – 62) also establishes general design guidance, developer contributions and infrastructure requirements and the approach to flood risk, water and drainage.
- 4.5 The land use planning policy set out in Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 continues the approach contained in the current Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan adopted in March 2015 and for that part within Angus is generally compatible with the approach set out in the adopted Angus Local Development Plan 2016. Given the above it is recommended that no formal objection should be made to the Proposed Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this Report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required. It should be noted that Cairngorms National Park Authority has published an Equalities Impact Assessment as part of the document package.

6.2 There are no Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) implications for Angus Council. It should be noted that Cairngorm National Park Authority has undertaken SEA of the Proposed Plan and published an Environmental Report.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Angus Local Development Plan 2016
- Cairngorms National Park Proposed Local Development Plan 2020, Cairngorms National Park Authority, January 2019

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