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Dear Mr Littlejohn

Re: creation of new track on Invergeldie estate

I am writing on behalf of the LINK Hilltracks Group which has been monitoring the construction of new tracks in Scotland over the past year.

It has recently come to our attention that Invergeldie estate is currently creating and improving tracks on their estate in advance of the grouse shooting season. This can be seen on the Tayside & Central Moorland Group Facebook page, and I have attached a screenshot and photos from this page for your information.

We have been unable to find on your planning portal any reference to prior notification, or indeed a planning application for these works to take place, although under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014 No. 300) which came into effect in December 2014, landowners carrying out such works must ensure they have given prior notification to the planning authority, and potentially have received prior approval or been required to submit a full planning application.

I would be very grateful if you could investigate this case as a matter of urgency, and let me know if prior notification or a full planning application has indeed been received. Please also send me the planning reference number so that I can view the proposal on your online portal. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely


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LINK members of the hill tracks group are:

Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland
Cairngorms Campaign
North East Mountain Trust
Scottish Campaign for National Parks

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