



## **National Parks Task Force**

### **Cairngorms National Park Plan 2012-2017**

#### **Initial Statement**

The members of the Task Force listed below propose that the NPP should establish the following objectives and actions:

**Biodiversity** – the NPP should re-affirm the Park’s commitment to securing favourable condition for protected species/sites, especially those protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives, the WCA81 and the NCSA04. In addition, a NP-wide system of second-tier protected sites should be established, along the lines of the Listed Wildlife Sites co-ordinated by SWT or the Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation protected by Aberdeenshire Council

**Deer Management** – the NPP should support deer management practices which ensure that all habitats across the NP are in favourable condition

**Ecosystem Services** – the NPP should analyse the contribution made by the NP to Scotland’s land, air and water resources and their importance as the basis of economic activity

**Energy** – there should continue to be no large-scale wind farms within the NP, but support for small-scale renewables including hydro and solar; the NPP should advocate a buffer zone against large-scale wind farms around the NP

**Housing** – only housing proposals which are not detrimental to the reasons for the Park's designation should be supported. Provision should only be made for small-scale developments within existing village envelopes

**Landscape** – the National Scenic Areas within the NP should be retained to ensure continuing clear focus on its most significant landscapes

**Land Use** – the NPP should advocate a landscape-scale approach to land management and the further development of habitat networks that enhance ecosystem function and adaptation to climate change

**Recreation** – the NP should require an overall Recreational Strategy to tie together the Core Paths Plan, the Outdoor Access Strategy and the work of COAT within a zoning framework

**Woodland** – the NPP should aim to increase native woodland habitat networks, protect woods of high conservation value from development, improve management of existing native woodland and inspire public engagement with woods

**Wildness** – procedures should be established to ensure that the 2011 Supplementary Planning Guidance is a material consideration in the determination of every planning application in the NP; proactive re-wilding initiatives should be supported

This statement is supported by the following Task Force members:

Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland  
Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group  
Buglife  
Cairngorms Campaign  
John Muir Trust  
National Trust for Scotland  
North East Mountain Trust  
Plantlife Scotland  
RSPB Scotland  
Scottish Badgers  
Scottish Campaign for National Parks  
Scottish Wildlife Trust  
Woodland Trust Scotland

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