



The Mountaineering Council of Scotland

The Old Granary
West Mill Street
Perth PH1 5QP
Tel: 01738 493 942

Please reply by email to david@mcofs.org.uk

By email to CandGfuture@ Cairngorms.co.uk

Cairngorms National Park Authority
14 The Square
Grantown on Spey
Scotland
PH26 3HG

8 March 2016

Dear Sir

**Additional Comments - Cairngorm and Glenmore Partnership:
Consultative draft strategy for the long term management of Cairngorm & Glenmore**

In our original response to the draft strategy dated 17 February 2016, we omitted question 5; please therefore accept our apologies and include the following response.

Question 5: Are there other specific issues relating to Glenmore that you think this plan should address?

The matter of “irresponsible behaviour” is raised in the plan with photos of overflowing rubbish bins. Whilst the message of “taking your rubbish home” should be promoted, the fact that visitors are attempting to use the bins does not suggest that they are being irresponsible. The main issue demonstrated by the photographs is that there should be a more regular refuse collection or perhaps more fit for purpose recycling facilities provided.

Informal camping is also mentioned and it is stated that it “requires active management and ranger presence”. Management and education can go a certain way to helping with the issue but low key facilities could also be provided with composting toilets, recycling facilities and a basic water supply. It is important that this matter is addressed through the plan and a more co-ordinated approach developed before it does become a more significant issue.

The potential for bike and bus opportunities should be explored for those who do not wish to do the return journey to / from Aviemore.

We hope you find these additional comments helpful.

Yours sincerely,

David Gibson
Chief Executive Officer