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Dear Ms Macmillan

Section 42 application to modify Condition 4 of Planning Permission 18/02742/FUL to allow an alternative arrangement for construction traffic from that currently approved. | Land 1000M SW Of Altachaorin Glenetive

Planning Reference: 20/01347/S42

Mountaineering Scotland **objects** to this application to vary the Planning Permission Conditions for the Allt Chaorainn hydro scheme 18/02742/FUL. We only recently found out about this separate proposal and apologise for our response to it coming in later than other comments. We hope that our comments may still be considered in your decision-making process.

Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with over 14,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains, and acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering. Mountaineering Scotland also acts on behalf of the 80,000 members of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) on matters related to landscape and access in Scotland, and provides training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

Having read the applicants proposal document, Chaorainn Construction Traffic Management Plan 25/03/2020, we can see no compelling reason given in it to deviate from the Planning Permission Conditions and Reasons of 22 March 2019.

The original Transport Planning Report was a considered response to the logistical challenges, and the applicant had more than sufficient time to consider alternatives at that time. The applicant chose to accept and commit to the original agreement that was publicly debated by the full Highland Council and decided in the public interest.

The proposal to alter the transportation agreement appears to be a matter of convenience and not absolute necessity as the original transport plan to service all seven approved schemes is still viable.

We oppose this on the grounds that there is no material change in the situation of transporting materials to the proposed site. The Conditions and Reasons that the applicant committed to in Section 4 of the Planning Permission document still stands. We urge The Highland Council to reject this opportunistic proposal and maintain the publicly debated decision and associated conditions.

Yours sincerely


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