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Cairngorms National Park Authority  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning application: 2013/0405/DET, Coylumbridge**

Ramblers Scotland objects to this application on the grounds of the adverse impacts which would arise on the experience of walkers, cyclists and other recreation users in the area, specifically those using the adjacent core path GR1.

The proposed development is within a National Scenic Area and the proposed extension of the current caravan park, and increased use of this track for motorised access, will affect the amenity of the use of this path, which is of national significance as a main means of access to and from the Lairig Ghru.

In addition, this path gives access to one of the best locations in Scotland, close to a public road and major tourism developments, for experiencing the ancient Caledonian pinewood. The development would present a significant incursion into this woodland.

We trust these comments are helpful and would be happy to discuss any aspect of this response in further detail at your convenience.

Yours faithfully



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Ramblers Scotland is the representative body for walkers in Scotland and recognised by **sportscotland** as a governing body of sport. We have 6,300 members across Scotland and 55 local walking groups, including 4 groups which between them cover the area of the Cairngorms National Park. Our aims are to promote walking, secure and facilitate public access to land and to protect the countryside.

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