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Dear Don,

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Motorised Intrusion into Wild Areas in the Cairngorms

Please find enclosed a letter recently received from SNH in response to correspondence received from the Cairngorms Campaign. This was the result of a prolonged intrusion into the central Cairngorms, chiefly the Ben Avon area, by a helicopter low flying to make a BBC programme on place names.

Helicopters have been the subject of complaints of users of the area in the past. They are now in fact just one example of the increasing diversity of motorised transport including All Terrain Vehicles and Quad bykes that are able to effectively ignore that protection of the long walk in that formerly protected remote and often vulnerable areas.

This situation was discussed at the last meeting of the Cairngorms Campaign committee and it was decided that I should write to the CNPA to:-

- 1) Inform the Authority of this correspondence and of the concern of the Campaign.
- 2) To support the proposal by SNH, mentioned in the letter, that policies within the forthcoming National Park Plan and Local Plan should strongly to protect wild areas from such disturbance.

Given the rate at which technical advances are generating new forms of motorised and other transport (EG the flying car was recently launched in California), we feel that it is of critical importance that the CNPA look to the future and establish strong policies now on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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