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Dear Mr Mackenzie

2015/0375/DET – Temporary use of land for siting of 10 no Wigwams (Retrospective application) at Badaguish Outdoor Centre, Glenmore Lodge Road, Glenmore, Aviemore.

I am writing to you and the Directors of the Speyside Trust, operators of the Badaguish centre to express the serious concern of the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) Planning Committee at your repeated failure to apply for planning permission before you undertake works that require it at Badaguish.

The application **2015/0375/DET** was the third application in the past four months that was made after you had undertaken development without planning permission. The Planning Committee found it particularly galling given that you had assured me in public at our meeting in November 2015 (when your preceding retrospective planning applications were determined) that there was no further unauthorised development at the site and therefore no need for any further applications for retrospective permission. The Committee asked that I write to you in my role as Convenor of the Planning Committee in the strongest of terms to express this concern directly. I have copied this letter to all directors of the Speyside Trust, the agent for this application and Graeme Prest of Forestry Commission Scotland in their capacity as landowner of part of your facility for their information.

While the Planning Committee will continue to consider every planning application on its merits, your recent approach to planning permission for development at Badaguish has undermined your credibility with the Planning Committee and their trust in what you tell them. You run a significant

and needless risk in undertaking unauthorised development on the site for your investment in it, for your customers, your business and ultimately for the landowner.

As you know, the Planning Committee have repeatedly asked the Speyside Trust to provide a clear long term vision for development of Badaguish so that they can have confidence in a coherent plan for the site and so you can bring forward the individual components for consent.

It is not in the interest of the Speyside Trust or the CNPA that you undertake unauthorised development in future. I'd urge you to now consider this again and to set out a long term plan for Badaguish that can give the CNPA as well as your directors and investors, confidence in its long term management and operation. I would like to meet you in person with the CNPA's Head of Planning, Gavin Miles, to discuss a pragmatic way forward.

Please let Margaret Smith (margaretsmith@cairngorms.co.uk tel 01479 870502) know when you would be available to meet in the next month.

Yours faithfully



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Convenor of the CNPA Planning Committee

cc

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