Comments for Planning Application 2016/0295/DET

Application Summary
Application Number: 2016/0295/DET
Address: Cairngorm Mountain Glenmore Aviemore Highland PH22 1RB
Proposal: Retrospective planning application to retain a ski area access track
Case Officer: Katherine Donnachie

Customer Details
Name: Mr Jonny Porteous
Address: 2 Croachy Cottages Inverness

Comment Details
Commenter Type: Member of Public
Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Comment Reasons:
Comment:It response to the planning application for the access track I am in full support. The development of this area from the historic "gutter" that was once in place on the tow track back to a more natural landscape is great to see. Previous works had no suitable drainage or respect for the natural landscape.

The track provides essential access to the tow and associated tow huts. This tow and hut will (as everything always does in a mountainous environment) require maintenance and servicing, a track like the one in discussion is vital for transit of heavy lifting kit and equipment.

Without this track the surrounding vegetation and habitat would under threat from multi access routes to this area. With one clearly defined and maintained vehicle track there would be no issue with "easier" routes.

Last summers weather was horrendous and condition extremely difficult to landscape in. I think that the objectors should be mindful of this issue as many do not understand the difficulties of landscaping in such conditions. It is fantastic to see the latest photos in the ecology report and see how well the area has come on and that the track is being kept to the absolute minimum that is required for passage of a vehicle.

It should also be noted that the surrounding area has been planted with 1000's of trees which in time should provide a great habitat for birds and insects. The surrounding area has also been part of a peat regeneration scheme as well, so it is quite obvious that the area of interest is looked after and cared for in a adequate manner by the operator.