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**Subject:** RE: Cairngorm Mountain Clear up Project

Morning Gavin, thanks for the reply.

I have approached SEPA and they are happy with the proposal to break out the concrete foundations to just below ground level, then reinstate sensitively. Also to use a SEPA licensed waste disposal contractor (Ritchies) to waste disposal site, which we will. I will wait for response from Highland Council and keep you informed.

Kind regards.

Colin

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Thanks for copying us in Colin.

Highland Council will give any answers on planning permission and building warrants. On your other points:

- C – I doubt whether SEPA would be interested but there's no harm asking them about it.
- D – I think it would be sensible good practice to voluntarily consult CNPA on the method statements for the components that don't require consent even if that adds a little time to the process. We'd only give advice on things we considered we could add something useful to.
- E – You need to confirm with Highland Council that it's not development but it does sound like you should check that out with SEPA for licencing requirements.

It would be good to be kept informed as the projects commence and complete, in the same way we are updated on the other various maintenance and operational activities on the hill, but for operations that don't require our consent, I don't see any reason for CNPA staff to attend any site visits.

Kind regards

Gavin

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Good afternoon all.

As a matter of introduction, I have been engaged on a consultancy basis by NR/CML as a project coordinator to preliminary bring this forthcoming project to a pre tender stage. I know Jim Cornfoot may have been in touch regarding this matter already.

The proposals are to:-

1. Demolish the derelict Coire na Ciste café/ticket office/public toilet building and associated waste water treatment works (demolition was consented in 2013; renewal of approval to be sought). A revised consent may be sought in due course as it now appears that there is a much less elaborate solution to preserving the electrical sub-station currently within the building.
2. Remove remaining parts of ski-tows previously dismantled i.e. Fiacaill T-bar (2 concrete plinths, 8 tower bases), White Lady T-bar (3 plinths, 12 bases) and Aonach Poma (2 plinths, 10 bases).
3. Remove Coire na Ciste - the lower of the two - chairlift (12 steel towers and concrete bases) and West Wall chairlift - the higher of the two - (12 steel towers and concrete bases) plus associated drive and return stations, ramps, decking, huts etc at both.
4. It is proposed to reduce concrete bases to adjacent ground level only rather than grub up the entire buried foundation (which would substantially increase the volume of material to be removed, probably result in a larger damage footprint and create the need to import a significant volume of suitable backfill material). The remaining base area would be landscaped using sensitively gathered site vegetation and boulders.
5. Remove old safety circuit cabling from removed lift lines (locations as items 2 and 3 above).
6. Remove damaged or redundant snow-fencing, mainly on M2, West Wall, M1 and White Lady pistes.
7. Demolish/dismantle by a mixture of mobile plant with hydraulic breakers and hydraulic shovels (tracked or with low pressure tyres) used on the more accessible locations (Fiacaill and White Lady T-bar tows and the Coire na Ciste chairlift) and smaller hand-operated tools at the more inaccessible locations (Aonach Poma and West Wall chairlift).
8. Airlift all arisings (concrete, steel, steel cables and timber) by helicopter from the demolition locations to the Coire na Ciste car park and then take them to the nearest recycling location for disposal.

I would appreciate your guidance on a number of points:-

- A. In relation to items 2 & 6 is Planning or Building Warrant for demolition required?
- B. In relation to item 3, is Planning or Building Warrant for demolition required?
- C. Do you have concerns over item 4 and should SEPA's view should be sought on this?
- D. Item 7 will require detailed risk assessments and method statements to be prepared or all elements of the operation, taking account of any different circumstances at each location. Does THC, CNPA or SNH wish to have sight of draft method statements, regardless of whether statutory consent is required for the removal work?
- E. In places on the former White Lady T-bar line there is active water erosion. It is suggested that, at appropriate locations, check dams could be created using imported 100-200mm stone from Alvie Quarry. Does this raise any concerns and should SEPA be approached for advice, including whether any consent is required?

We would anticipate that THC/CNPA/SNH will be kept closely advised of progress with the works, if desired, including being invited to attend regular site progress meetings.

CML will create appropriate publicity for the proposed works, including regular updates on their website and through media releases.

Timing – proposed to be June to October 2017, sequenced to avoid disturbance to breeding birds.

I look forward to hearing your views on the above.

Thanks

Kind regards

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