

Aberdeenshire Council Proposed Action in Relation to 1st Draft Core Path Plan Consultation Responses

Summary of responses relating to all Aberdeenshire area

Response No	Organisation (where applicable)	Issue or comment	Proposed response/solution
CPP_INF_001	Forestry Commission Scotland	Suggested a number of improvements using woodland routes.	Using information to improve the Plan prior to formal consultation.
CPP_INF_006	Individual	No way, it is a system or network of paths. Huge areas are devoid of any status of paths. Disappointing not to see traditional and historic rights of way.	As focus is on settlements there will be areas without provision. It is not possible to include all rights of way due to limited resources for maintenance and management. Focus on those that are most accessible to users.
CPP_INF_016	Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Yes, Unlikely to have significant negative environmental effect. Need to address any possible local impacts - SEPA welcomes opportunity to have further input at later stage	
CPP_INF_057	NESTRANS	Routes which demonstrate a strategic function would be prime candidates for consideration for joint funding initiatives	Will consider submitting applications for funding support for new links.
CPP_INF_058	Aberdeen City Council	Important to continue to work on cross border routes. All proposed core paths link with City core paths. Need to liaise re north bank of River Dee	Continuing to work with Aberdeen City on cross border routes. North bank of the River Dee path not to be included this round as safety issues with current route.

CPP_INF_060	Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum (ALOAF)	Forum congratulates the Council on this 1 st document. More circular routes would be desirable. AWPR not mentioned but likely to affect access. Form suggests a number of Plan document improvements.	Working with ALOAF to develop Core Paths Plan
CPP_INF_063	Individual	Council should maintain paths that are already there. Cut down overhead branches	Core Paths Plan will help focus of future paths maintenance.
CPP_INF_064	Historic Scotland	Response is in two parts Annex A highlights potential impacts on historic sites and monuments. Annex B details national considerations.	Useful response will help with the Core Paths SEA.
CPP_INF_071	Moray Council	Would like further consideration of Moray/Shire cross border routes. Suggest meeting of officers	Continuing to work with Moray Council on cross border routes.
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Sufficiency - fairly extensive in many areas but sparse in others. Or fragmented interconnectivity. Suggested improvements on format of Plan.	Looking to address Paths for All comments around settlements and to improve connectivity but some of the sparse areas of path are areas with settlements with a population of less than 100, so will not be addressed in this Plan.
CPP_INF_90	Cyclist Touring Club (CTC)	CTC welcomes the draft CPP however concern about number of paths that are not cycle-able. Current Plan fails to provide a network of paths, consider including quiet roads. Comments on individual settlements have been included in Appendix 4	Where possible paths will be upgraded for multi-use. Council has concerns about including quiet roads as core paths. Likely that the number of cycle routes will be short on this Plan but hope to improve in future revisions.
CPP_INF_099	The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society	Please to see most major Right of Ways (ROWs) and Water access points on the Plan. Cross border route numbering helpful but some discrepancies with other LA's	We have addressed the discrepancies on the cross border routes into the Angus Council area

CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Concern that there may be a need for more core paths - larger settlements. Should aim to increase path provision. Helpful if total length of proposed provision and total population was included. Some circular routes not shown on map as such as part are on road. Would encourage the Council to consider safe road links as core paths. Comments on individual settlements have been included below.	Additional paths being added to larger settlement where possible. For safety reasons the Council is not including on road routes as core paths but showing on Plan as blue lines. Will take on board suggestions to improve consultation document.
CPP_INF_102	Individual	Would like to see the F&B Way resurfaced with hard surfacing such as tarmac.	It is a balance between maintaining the route as a wildlife corridor and making it a suitable route for commuting.
CPP_INF_103	National Health Service Grampian	Good piece of work. Are Local Community Planning Groups involved?	Draft Plan information has been circulated to Community Planning Officers.

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Summary of responses relating to routes and issues in the Banff & Buchan Area

Response No:	Organisation (where applicable)	Settlement /area	Route No. (if applicable)	Issue or comment	Proposed response/solution
CPP_INF_041	Aberchirder & Marnoch Community Council/ Aberchirder & District Community Association	Aberchirder	101.01 101.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see wooden bridge provided to cross Arkland burn, west of Quarryhill Wood, which would allow for a circular walk. • Would like to see the Moss Road (currently wider path network) included as a Core Path. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new bridge can be investigated as a separate project with the community, does not have to be part of Core Path Planning process; • Route was originally discounted as a core path due to the amount of work required to bring it up to an acceptable standard. Can be investigated as project with the community and considered future versions of the plan.
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Aberchirder		One of the sizable communities that has limited network of core paths	Will consider including Moss Road (see above), but further extensions are considered to be outwith the timescale of this plan.
	Montcoffer Fishings	Banff	102.01	No objections, however wondered if the Council would be prepared to contribute towards the upkeep of the road.	Not prepared to contribute towards upkeep of private vehicular access, however would assist if use as a Core Path caused the condition to deteriorate.

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CPP_INF_100	SNH	Banff	102.01	A circular route could be created by joining this route up with the road.	Agreed – line will be extended from Duff House to the road.
CPP_INF_021	Sovereign Grace Fellowship, Cairnbulg	Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	Object that the “Shore Path” between Fraserburgh and Cairnbulg has not been registered under the Access Act.	Proposed core paths from Fraserburgh to the west shore of Philorth, and from Cairnbulg to the east shore of the Philorth have been included. It is acknowledged that there is a gap at the river so that there is not a continuous core path between Fraserburgh and Cairnbulg. Although work is currently being carried out to investigate the options for a formal crossing it is not expected that this will be resolved or that the necessary permissions and funding will be in place by the time the plan is adopted and is therefore not included at this stage. The resolution of this issue has been included in the list of long-term aspirational routes.
CPP_INF_022		Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Object that Shore Path from Cairnbulg to the old ford has not been included. • Does not consider old railway to be a suitable alternative. 	As above CPP_INF_021

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CPP_INF_023		Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like footbridge across the River Philorth. • Object that the path access along the shore has not been registered in the Core Paths Plan. 	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_024		Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A footbridge across the Philorth would benefit users; • Object that the path access along the shore has not been registered in the Core Paths Plan; • Use of old railway line as Core Path, or in wider network, not valid as it bypasses the villages; • Would support a shore path from Inveralloch to St Combs on seaward side of golf course. 	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_025	Cairnbulg Boathaven Ltd	Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gap in Cairnbulg – Fraserburgh shore path across the Philorth does not provide “reasonable access” • Use of old railway line as a wider network path, not valid as it bypasses the villages; 	As above CPP_INF_021

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Object to any improvements to the traditional beach path from the “Edge of Sand” to Shinnity wet area and want to be consulted on any proposed structures across the Philorth as this may result in sands shifting and silting up the harbour; • Objects to the failure to register the core path all the way along the shore to the ford. Otherwise agrees to the core path along the road to the harbour and shore; • Core path to St Combs should be along the shore, with the railway line being part of the wider path network. 	
CPP_INF_026		Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like footbridge across the River Philorth; • Object that the path access along the shore has not been registered in the Core Paths Plan. 	As above CPP_INF_021

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CPP_INF_027		Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like footbridge across the River Philorth. <p>Object that the path access along the shore has not been registered in the Core Paths Plan.</p>	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_028	Invercairn Community Council	Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<p>Do not consider the plan meets the requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path from Cairnbulg should continue along the shore to Waters of Philorth, with the provision of a footbridge; • Route should follow shore to Cairnbulg and on to St Combs, not railway line; • Proposed route along dunes from Fraserburgh to Philorth does not exist as everyone uses the beach. 	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_029	Local Ramblers Group	Cairnbulg/ Inveralloch y	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wishes to see bridge across the Philorth included; • Objects to the failure to register the Fraserburgh to Cairnbulg shore path as a Core Path. 	As above CPP_INF_021

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CPP_INF-030	Sovereign Grace Fellowship, Cairnbulg	Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	Object that the path access along the shore has not been registered in the Core Paths Plan.	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF-036		Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	Need for footbridge across the Philorth	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF-049		Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	Need for footbridge across the Philorth	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_050		Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	Wants to see footbridge over the Philorth	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_051		Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	No access to Fraserburgh via coastal path for walkers.	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_052		Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	Need for footbridge across the Philorth.	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_053	Maggies Hoosie Preservation Trust Ltd	Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wishes to see shore path from Cairnbulg to the old ford across the river Philorth registered as a core path. Against old railway being a core path as it bypasses the villages.	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_065		Cairnbulg/Inverallochy	7LD.01	Object that Council have refused official status to a footpath between Cairnbulg and Fraserburgh.	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_066		Cairnbulg/	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A footbridge would give 	As above CPP_INF_021

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		Inverallochy		easy access from Fraserburgh to Cairnbulg/ Inverallochy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway line is not a satisfactory alternative. 	
CPP_INF_067		Cairnbulg/ Inverallochy	7LD.01	A footbridge across the Philorth would be used by many.	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_068		Cairnbulg/ Inverallochy	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like footbridge across the River Philorth; Object that the path access along the shore has not been registered in the Core Paths Plan.	As above CPP_INF_021
CPP_INF_069		Cairnbulg/ Inverallochy	7LD.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like footbridge across the River Philorth; Object that the path access along the shore has not been registered in the Core Paths Plan. 	As above CPP_INF_021
-		Cairnbulg/ Inverallochy	7LD.01	Find it impossible to cross Philorth when high tide – needs a bridge.	As above CPP_INF_021
-		Cairnbulg/ Inverallochy	7LD.01	A bridge across the river would be a benefit to walkers and would make	As above CPP_INF_021

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				the coastal walk continuous and safer.	
-		Fordyce/Sandend	105.01	Proposed route passes through the middle of their yard – concerns about security and privacy	Agree – route to be amended to follow the right of way.
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Fraserburgh	7LD.03	Route runs through Philorth Valley SSSI	Noted, however this is the existing Formartine & Buchan Way – no additional impact on the SSSI anticipated.
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Fraserburgh		One of the sizable communities that has limited network of core paths	Additional routes have been added (see Appendix 5)
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Macduff – New Aberdour		Major gap in coastal path between Macduff and Aberdour	Coastal path is along right of way between Pennan and New Aberdour. No historic route between Macduff and Gardenstown, and no local demand to date. However will be investigated as possible long term project.
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Macduff		Connection between Turriff and Macduff heavily reliant on “on-road” links.	Noted – however route shown is the SUSTRANS National Cycle Network Route 1 which is road based. No change proposed.

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CPP_INF_020		Memsie	109.01	Unhappy with proposal. Concern that promotion of public access through Core Path Planning will result in unacceptable increased liability and risks of vandalism and theft. This is a working environment where forestry operations and game control take place.	This reflects concerns expressed nationally by some sectors. Responsible access is addressed by the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. Discussions will be ongoing with the landowner to find acceptable routes.
CPP_INF_100	SNH	New Byth		Provision seems low for settlement of this size	Disagree – proposed provision is greater than for equivalent sized settlements elsewhere in Aberdeenshire.
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Portsoy	7LD.01	Recognise difficulties at Boyne Bay quarry; however consider there may be a better alternative in the future than the proposed road link.	Noted, however have to work within time constraints of this plan and the Health & Safety implications of a working quarry. Options will be investigated as part of development of the coastal path.
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Rosehearty	7LD.01	Coastal path east of Rosehearty runs through the Rosehearty to Fraserburgh SSSI.	Noted, however this is on the existing roadside footpath so no adverse impact anticipated.
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Rosehearty		One of the sizable communities that has limited network of core paths	Noted, however development of coastal path west of Rosehearty is the priority during the period of this plan. Further extensions to the network are considered to be outwith the timescale of this plan.

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CPP_INF_100	SNH	Sandend		No physical path along beach, burn can be difficult to ford at east end of beach.	Noted – route was removed as a proposed Core Path following discussion with members for this reason although it remains as part of the wider network.
CPP_INF_047	Whitehills & District Community Council	Whitehills		<p>Support the proposed core paths plan, and raise 2 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developers link from Ladysbridge Hospital to Whitehills different to that shown in the plan; • The community council are proposing to develop a section of the old railway line, which will complement the existing and proposed network of paths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladysbridge Hospital link is the responsibility of the developer and is unlikely to come forward within time period of this plan. However it can be included in a future version of the plan once constructed; • Community Council path could also be included in a future version of the plan once constructed.

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Response No (Name)	Organisation	Settlement /area	Route No. (if applicable)	Issue or comment	Proposed response/solution
CPP_INF_070		Boddam	202.01, 202.02	Clarification required for routes at Sandfordhill and Stirlinghill. Request to protect the right of way at Hill of Boddam	Clarification supplied, but section at the Dam dropped as owner has dropped it from the SRDP funding application and the necessary costly upgrading is beyond Council resources for the current CPP. £20-30,000 costs would be for reconstruction of steps or ramp; new footbridge over outflow; repairs to facing of Dam; upgrading of footpath through Flint Mines Scheduled Ancient Monument, subject to SAM approval. Can put on list of "aspirational routes". Right of way at Hill of Boddam is now accepted.
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Crimond		Lack of provision close to RSPB Reserve and coast	Access from Crimond to RSPB visitor centre is on-road, but proposed section of path beside A90 (leading to quiet road) will help. Off-road provision not feasible. Proposed provision at coast is adequate (7LD.01).

CPP_INF_100	SNH	Cruden Bay		Opportunity for link between Castle Woods and Port Errol Woods	To be added to CPP.
CPP_INF_003	Hatton Area Residents Association	Hatton		Hatton to Bridgend path goes halfway along the A90 - would it be possible to extend to provide safe route the whole way.	Verge currently too narrow. Any works would be subject to Trunk Roads Authority standards. Land purchase would be required. Possible cost of works £50,000. Beyond resources of current CPP but can be included in list of aspirational routes.
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Hatton		Relatively poor provision.	Current proposal (2.5km route along old railway, leading to network of quiet roads) is adequate. Not proposing to add to this within current CPP.
CPP_INF_031	Longside and District Community Association	Longside		At Lenabo, seeks new core path and more parking.	Lenabo: not possible to progress this at present. Future provision depends on owner's pending SRDP application, at which time there will be Council input on parking and path routes.
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Longhaven	207.01	Issue of informal vehicular access at quarry.	Unauthorised vehicular use is a police matter.
	Buchan Development Partnership (for New Deer Community Association)	New Deer		Requesting link between New Deer and Showfield, (to complete circular route via S Culsh Road)	T&I have costed desired link beside A981 at £50,000, which is beyond current CPP resources. It is understood that T&I will put this on their list for future provision. Kirk Walk is on CPP and provides an alternative, using part of S Culsh road, which could connect to the Showfield itself.

CPP_INF_100	SNH	New Deer		Opportunity for link to Culsh Monument	Revised current CPP proposes extension of the Cemetery path already proposed by Landscape Services. CPP will extend this to Culsh Monument.
CPP_INF_045	RSPB	St Combs /Ratray	7LD.01	No problems with the Core Paths Network proposals, subject to use of suggested route at The Cut. Re idea of a core path from Crimond to Starnafin: would like to see safe walking route, but doubtful about feasibility.	Agreed
CPP_INF_035		Stuartfield /Old Deer	214.03, 219.01,219.03	Welcome improvements enabling walkers to avoid roads. Need to address safety at Cemetery bends.	214.03 (Beechy Hedgings extension) and use of existing path within Cemetery will provide limited mitigation. T&I doing costing of missing link from Cemetery to Nether Aden road (likely to be beyond resources of current CPP).
CPP_INF_054		Stuartfield/Old Deer	214.03, 219.01,219.03	Need to address safety at Cemetery bends.	As above
CPP_INF_043	Stuartfield Community Association; Deer and District Community Council	Stuartfield/Old Deer	214.03, 219.01,219.03	Core paths around Stuartfield are welcome. Need to address safety at Cemetery bends.	As above
CPP_INF_042	Stuartfield School Parent Council	Stuartfield/Old Deer	214.03, 219.01,219.03	Need to address safety at Cemetery bends.	As above
CPP_INF_094		Stuartfield/Old Deer	214.03, 219.01,219.03	Need to address safety at Cemetery bends.	As above

CPP_INF_100	SNH	Stuartfield/Old Deer		Opportunity for link from 219.01 to South Lodge	As above
CPP_INF_100	SNH	Coastal path south from Buchan Ness	7LD.01	Possible significant effect on SAC and SPA (breeding birds; vegetation)	Nesting sites (land birds and puffins excepted) are generally inaccessible to path users. Council interpretation will include SOAC. Routine seabird counts by other agencies should identify any new issues arising, triggering further mitigation if necessary. Vegetation not vulnerable as most people will keep to upgraded path.
CPP_INF_031	Longside and District Community Association	Coastal path	7LD.01	7LD.01 very over-grown, fences unstable, rocky stretches difficult.	Upgrading proposed.
CPP_INF_004		(location not defined)		Number of "new" paths created or improved by farmers but as yet don't connect. Cooperate with whoever is funding the farmers	Comment refers to SGRPID's LMC paths, which are outwith Council control. LMC funding ceases after 2010,

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CPP_INF_088	Formartine Partnership			Disappointed in the limited number and the scattered and discontinuous pattern of Core Paths in the Formartine Area. Had envisaged that the Core Paths would provide an integrated network of paths which would link communities together. Regrets that there are so few opportunities for circular walks. Do not agree that the draft plan meets the statutory duty of providing a system of paths sufficient for the purposed of giving the public reasonable access.	The selection process for core paths has been consistent across Aberdeenshire and has in this first stage focused on providing routes close to settlements. It is understandable the partnership would wish to see a wider network of integrated paths but this is not deliverable with the financial resources available. It should be noted that the core path process is an evolving one and it is hoped that the aspirations of the partnership will be met in future years.
CPP_INF_088	Formartine Partnership			Would like to see a long distance path - Lower Ythan Way - developed along the River Ythan from Newburgh – Forvie – Ellon – Fyvie – Towie – (Turriff) as a spine route through the Formartine area.	This is an aspirational long distance route which is outwith the scope of this plan.

CPP_INF_0 81&089		Balmedie /Belhelvie	301.05	The proposed route runs west to east in a straight line through the objectors farm without following an existing paths or roads and without regard for field boundaries or the natural contours of the land. The route needs further consideration. Concern about potential impacts on farm operations, biosecurity and general farm security.	The route shown on the map is an indicative line. There is ongoing liaison with the local landowners to identify the most appropriate route between Belhelvie and Balmedie. The route is likely to be linked into land proposed for the dualling of the A90.
CPP_INF_1 00	Scottish Natural Heritage	Balmedie /Belhelvie /Potterton		The settlements of Balmedie, Belhelvie and Potterton have very limited access provision apart from routes across Balmedie Country Park. Consideration of further access possibilities is recommended.	Identification of a route between Belhelvie and Balmedie has been identified as a key issue within the community for some time and this is being progressed.
CPP_INF_1 00	Scottish Natural Heritage	Collieston		Amendments to the route suggested.	Routes amended
CPP_INF_1 00	Scottish Natural Heritage	Ellon		Ellon is well served by short circular walks within the town and good links to the Formatine & Buchan Way. Other links to the surrounding countryside should be considered.	Agree. Considering additional routes south of the river, west towards Esslemont House and north of the river, east along the dismantled railway and north towards Nether Ardgrain.
CPP_INF_0 34		Ellon		Suggests a number of additional routes around the settlement of Ellon.	Additional routes around the settlement of Ellon are being considered to expand the network

					- south of the river, west towards Esslemont House and north of the river, east along the dismantled railway and north towards Nether Ardgrain.
CPP_INF_072 and CPP_INF_080 Same issue as 101		Methlick		Concern about part of the wider path network being wrongly marked.	Agree, map corrected
CPP_INF_101		Methlick		CPP goes well beyond giving public reasonable access. Exposes public, land mangers, and livestock to risks that are unquantifiable.	This is a national concern expressed by some sectors of the industry. Responsible access is being addressed by the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.
CPP_INF_101 Same issue as 72		Methlick		Concern about part of the wider path network being wrongly marked (as above).	Agree, map corrected
CPP_INF_002	Meldrum & Bourtie Heritage Society	Oldmeldrum		In general supportive but suggested links to improve and extend network around Oldmeldrum into the surrounding countryside.	Current plan includes routes out of the town to the south and west. Further extensions are considered to be outwith the scope of this plan.
CPP_INF_083	Meldrum, Bourtrie & Daviot Community Council	Oldmeldrum	309.04	Happy with the proposed plan and looking forward to the aspirational links from Oldmeldrum to Lochter.	
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Oldmeldrum	309.05	There does not appear to be sufficient off road routes nor sufficient routes to the	Current plan includes routes out of the town to the south and west. Further extensions are considered

				surrounding countryside. Various routes appear to end abruptly. The aspirational routes are welcomed and could in time link with new housing to the north of Inverurie.	to be outwith the scope of this plan.
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Pitmedden /Udny Green	312.01	Route to the north of Tarves is wrongly identified as 310.01	Route number altered.
CPP_INF_088	Formartine Partnership	Pitmedden	307.02 and 308.02	Inclusion of a small missing route from the west of Gight would allow a continuous route from Pitmedden Gardens to Fyvie Castle via Haddo House.	The route referred to would link two sections of the wider path network both of which are a reasonable distance from a settlement around which core paths are being developed. The inclusion of this route is therefore not considered relevant in this stage of the plan.
CPP_INF_088	Formartine Partnership	Pitmedden		Few links from communities on to the Formartine & Buchan Way. Suggested additional route from Pitmedden to the F&B Way.	Agree with the need to increase access to the F&B Way. Additional routes identified at Pitmedden and Pettymuick
CPP_INF_073	Udny Community Council	Pitmedden	310.02	Suggest route is extended and developed into a circular heritage route.	Agree
CPP_INF_073	Udny Community Council	Pitmedden		Suggest developing a link to the F&B Way	Agree it would be beneficial to include a link to the F&B Way from Pitmedden. Link via Cloisterseat Croft identified
CPP_INF_010 Same issue as 11	Rothienorman Walkers	Rothienorman		Suggests there are no suitable walks around Rothienorman.	Agree, working with local landowners to find suitable routes.

CPP_INF_011 Same issue as 10		Rothienorman		Suggests there are no suitable routes in the Rothienorman area.	Agree, working with local landowners to find suitable routes.
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Rothienorman		We welcome the aspirational links identified to Fyvie and a circular route by Cranna Wood.	
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Turriff		One of the sizable communities that has limited network of core paths	Liaising with Forestry Commission Scotland to find additional routes within Wood of Delgaty.
CPP_INF_013		Woodhead & Fyvie		Impressive proposals – Happy with the proposed plan.	
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Woodhead & Fyvie		There is the possibility to make additional provision at Den Wood.	Access into Den Wood has been investigated and it will not be feasible to achieve a route within the scope of this plan.
CPP_INF_017		Woodhead/ Fyvie	307.02	Re-development of house may impact upon 307.02.00	Plans have altered and route will not be affected.

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CPP_INF_005	National Trust for Scotland	Inverurie		Inverurie need some circular walks	Agreed, additional routes added to Inverurie
CPP_INF_008		Insch Area		Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie. Need to improve access for horses avoiding use of main road.	Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie.
CPP_INF_014	Inverurie Community Council			Well Done very comprehensive. Will discuss at Community Council meeting.	
CPP_INF_015		Old Rayne	404.02	Objection to the Whiteford to Old Rayne route	Strong objection to this route for various reasons. However it is a right of way and currently promoted via land management contract. Community support for this to be a core path.
CPP_INF_032		Newmachar		In general supportive but Newmachar CC suggested link from village to Lairshill Wood. Not included on the Plan why?	Currently reviewing the possible links to Lairshill Wood.
CPP_INF_033		Inverurie		Include Inverurie Heritage Walks/ more circular routes. Map included with additional proposals.	As above

CPP_INF_037		Insch Area		Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie. Suggested route to provide link from Insch railway station to Bennachie.	Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie.
CPP_INF_038 Same issue as 085		Kintore	410.03	Route goes through the middle of the farm - issues with safety etc	Looking for an alternative route in liaison with farmer.
CPP_INF_040		Hatton of Fintray	406.03	Response re routes at Hatton on Fintray Livestock issues.	Route to river through field has been removed from the Plan.
CPP_INF_046		403.01	403.01	Supportive but would welcome extension to Lyne of Skene across Castle Fraser Moss	Extension of route 403.01 north to Lyne of Skene is being discussed with land owners. Included as an aspirational route (Section 5 of the Plan)
CPP_INF_048		Insch Area		Need for off road access for range of users. Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie using Gaudiedale (map included)	Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie
CPP_INF_056		Insch Area		Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie. Would avoid use of vehicles to Back of Bennachie	Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie
CPP_INF_074		Insch Area		Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie	Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie
CPP_INF_076	Cyclists Touring Club		408.05	Welcome plan but does seem to be minimum that Council can do to satisfy statutory role. Could be more circular routes. Route	A number of additional links have been added to create circular routes. Safety issues on route 408.05 have been addressed.

				408.05 raises some safety issues at road crossings. How is the Core Paths Plan going to be published.	
CPP_INF_077		Insch Area		Plan is not consistent. Marr links to wider network whereas Garioch appears more piecemeal. Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie. Improved links will also help local businesses – pubs and restaurants.	Garioch Area has been reviewed and additional routes added.. Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie.
CPP_INF_078		Insch Area		Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie	Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie
CPP_INF_079		Insch Area		Lack of Core Path between Insch and Bennachie. Issues with road safety, difficult gates etc.	Working with the newly formed Bennachie Action Group to create link to Bennachie
CPP_INF_085 Same issue as 38		Kintore	410.03	410.03 goes through the middle of the farm - issues with safety etc	Looking for an alternative route in liaison with farmer.
CPP_INF_086		Inverurie		Map 37 add route link along east of railway from Southerford Bridge to the Bass. This then creates circular walk	Added as a new path but delivery could be tricky due to land owner and rail safety issues/costs.
CPP_INF_087		Blackburn		Map 41 extend network from housing development west of Fintray Road Blackburn to Cairntradlin	Added as wider network
CPP_INF_096		Sauchen		Suggesting routes for Sauchen. With map	Reviewing route proposals with relevant landowners.

Late response	Kintore and District Community Council	Kintore		Kintore has a restricted number of circular walks "off road". Need more short safe routes off-road. Included map with suggestions for additional routes	Reviewing the possibility of adding new link north west of Kintore and improving safety of return route along B994.
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Inverurie		One of the sizable communities that has limited network of core paths	Agree. Additional routes identified
CPP_INF_075	Paths for All Partnership	Westhill		Parts of the area that lie near to Aberdeen City boundary have few cross boundary links	Agree. Added new link
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Insch and surrounds		Suggest a link from Insch to woodland at Foundland	Insch is already well provided for in comparison with other settlements and so will consider this in the next Plan review
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Whiteford, Dunro and Daviot		Welcome the new path proposals	
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Inveruire		Several paths not shown even as wider network. Inverurie does not appear to be well served, SNH would welcome additional path proposals along the River Urie	Agree Settlement maps reviewed
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Kintore		Kintore does not appear to be well served by paths for a settlement of it size	Agree Settlement maps reviewed
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Westhill		Westill is a large growing community and there does not appear to be adequate	Agree Settlement maps reviewed

				paths and are minimal links to surrounding countryside	
CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Loch of Skene		SNH has serious concerns regarding the Loch of Skene as a core area for water access. This may have detrimental effects to the natural heritage	Difficult for the Council to address as SNH have deemed that Loch of Skene has access rights and there has been ongoing dialogue between all parties for the last two years.

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CPP_INF_90	Cycling Touring Club	Drumoak		Link from Woodlands of Durriss to Kirkton of Durriss should be included.	Route to be added to CPP
CPP_INF_95	Individual	Drumoak		As above	As above
CPP_INF_39	Individual	Drumoak		As above	As above
CPP_INF_44	Individual	Drumoak		As above	As above
CPP_INF_18	Individual	Drumoak		As above	As above
CPP_INF_19	Individual	Drumoak		As above	As above
CPP_INF_61	Individual (Member of ALOAF)	Drumoak		Extension to route from Barrowsgate to Collonach should be shown	The route to Barrowsgate and beyond forms part of the wider network. The extension will be shown as part of this network.
CPP_INF_90	Cycling Touring Club	Portlethen		Link from Badentoy Road to Cairnwell Road should be shown as a proposed core path	This link is not currently in place. It forms part of the historical Causey Mounth route the reinstatement of which is aspirational for development as core path in the future.
CPP_INF_90	Cycling Touring Club	Portlethen		Wider network route along line of Causey Mounth should be included as core path.	Missing sections and links to the settlements required. As above

CPP_INF_91	Portlethen & District Community Council	Portlethen	NCN1 7LD.01 517.03	<p>PDCC welcomes the CPP. Would like to see further paths in the area pursued as core paths.</p> <p>National Cycle Route unclear.</p> <p>Reinstate Causey Mounth from Badentoy Road to Cairnwell.</p> <p>Wider network route along line of Causey Mounth should be included as core path.</p> <p>Coastal path requires maintenance and additional signage.</p> <p>Link from Thistle Drive to Broadhaven.</p> <p>Link to Newtonhill from Bramble Place via Cranhill.</p> <p>Extension of CP using existing path between railway station and Thistle Lane, which needs maintenance.</p>	<p>NCN1 between Stonehaven and Aberdeen is to be reviewed.</p> <p>Reinstatement of Causey Mounth aspirational, as above.</p> <p>Core Paths Plan will help focus of future maintenance on coastal path and other routes.</p> <p>Improved links between Newtonhill and Portlethen are being investigated.</p> <p>Maintenance of existing routes within the settlements can not be addressed by the Core Path Plan although appropriate links will be considered for CPP in the future.</p>
CPP_INF_09	Individual	Newtonhill	7LD.01	Path overgrown and difficult to pass	Core Paths Plan will help focus of future maintenance.
CPP_INF_90	Cycling Touring Club	Stonehaven		Other paths in Cheyne Wood and linking Cheyne Wood with Cheyne should be included as core paths.	Paths through Cheyne Wood could be included as part of the wider network. Possible consideration for inclusion in future core paths, if improved links to Stonehaven can be achieved.

CPP_INF_100	Scottish Natural Heritage	Stonehaven		Stonehaven is generally well served by the proposals although further consideration could be given to links south west of the town.	Safe link from Dunnottarr south west to Touks Road has been identified as aspirational.
CPP_INF_104	Dunnottar Woodland Park/Individual	Stonehaven	520.02	Dunnottar Woods well served with paths. Additional routes sought along Cowie, through Hill of Seabeg and linking coastal path to Dunnottar Woods.	Additional routes not all in place. Route along Cowie identified as aspirational; consideration of other links/routes in future plan.
CPP_INF_012	Individual	Edzell	7CB.08	Welcome the route being designated as a Core Path	
CPP_INF_59	Mearns Community Council	Laurencekirk Marykirk Luthermuir Edzell Fettercairn Auchenblae Fordoun Drumlithie		Consider the Plan meets basic requirement for reasonable access for all but feel that more core paths could be created	Further paths will be considered for future plan

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CPP_INF_007 CPP_INF_093	Banchory Paths Association	Banchory		Aspirational Banchory Circular Path should be included in the current Core Paths Plan	Further sections of the aspirational route will be included in the current Plan but there are a number of unresolved issues that prevent the entire route being included at this time
CPP_INF_055	CNPA		7CB.09	Query regarding line of Fungle recorded on map	Mapping issue will be altered
CPP_INF_084	Donside Community Council	Alford		Need more routes around Alford	Discussions underway with Roads to create more direct off road pedestrian link between Montgarrie and Alford. Additional routes being investigated for inclusion in Plan including Wellheads
CPP_INF_090	CTC	Torphins		Old railway line to the west and east of the settlement should be included	Old railway line is now fragmented by development and in some cases may require access ramps up the embankment. Unlikely at this stage
		Aboyne		Old railway line to Dess should be included	Will be included following agreement on route of Deeside Way

		Aboyne		Old road from Aboyne to Drumgesk should be included	Land management issues on sections so unlikely at this stage
CPP_INF_092	Sustrans		Deeside Way	Not included in it's entirety	Still sections to be developed