Cairngorms National Park
History of National Parks in Scotland
Quick Chronology

- 1947 - Ramsay Commission
- 1951 - National Park Direction Areas
- 1974 - A Park System for Scotland
- 1981 – Regional Parks established in Scotland
- 1991 – The Mountain Areas of Scotland
- 1992 – Common Sense and Sustainability – A Partnership for the Cairngorms
- 1999 – Establishment of Scottish Parliament
- 2000 – National Parks (Scotland) Act
National Parks Aims

• to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area,
• to promote sustainable use of the natural resources of the area,
• to promote understanding and enjoyment (including enjoyment in the form of recreation) of the special qualities of the area by the public, and
• to promote sustainable economic and social development of the area’s communities.
Three Big Issues

• Upland Management

• Housing

• Tourism
Upland Management

- Upland management - lots of debate at the moment around deer and grouse management
- Woodland expansion, peatland restoration, flood management, hill tracks, fencing, raptors, medicated grit, muirburn.
- Lots of very vociferous viewpoints!
Housing
Median House Prices Over Time

- 0 – £100,000
- £100,000 – £150,000
- £150,000 – £200,000
- £200,000 - £250,000
- £250,000 – £300,000
- £300,000 – £350,000
- £350,000 – £400,000

2015

- £258,176
- £225,000
- £279,950
- £223,750
- £210,000
- £257,000

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Ineffective Stock

- Occupied: 83.7%
- Vacant: 4.6%
- Second Home: 11.8%
- 16.4%
Distribution of second homes

- 0 – 5%
- 5 – 10%
- 10 – 15%
- 15 – 20%
- +20%

North

- 21.2%
- 21.1%
- 20.9%
- 18.1%
- 17.4%
How Important is National Park Status to Our Visitors?

• 91% of are aware they are in a National Park
• over 30% UK visitors said National Park status influenced decision to visit – rising to over 60% for overseas visitors
• 47% can describe Cairngorms National Park brand
Where Do Our Visitors Come From?

- **54%** Scotland
- **25%** Rest of UK
- **14%** Europe
- **7%** Rest of world

- **24%** Perthshire
- **21%** Inverness-shire
- **7%** Moray
- **22%** Aberdeenshire
- **5%** Lochaber
- **2%** Glasgow
- **9%** Edinburgh

(Shaded in red)

(Day trippers, on holiday outwith the Park)