









# ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

There are no significant environmental constraints to the site discussed with the local community and subsequently agreed with by the Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council in 1989.

The physical nature and topography of the site is generally flat, well above the flood plain, of porous glacial gravel and sands and partially sheltered by mature trees against the prevailing winds. The natural history of the site is locally unexceptional; it has glacial kettleholes and is mainly heathland vegetation.

As the land is not particularly fertile the cultural history is sparse; with some low enclosing walling and a trace of the abandoned or cleared original settlement. Outside the site, on the fertile land of the Druie, are the below ground remains of other ancient sites and above ground post-improvement buildings, none of outstanding significance.

The connections to the site and provision of necessary infrastructure services provide practical constraints. Good road connections can be made to the B970 and the provision of drainage, water, electricity and telecommunication services and an off-road surfaced path and cycle route would take a direct route from the electricity substation at Inverdruie and they are all described in detail in the Environmental Impact Assessment.

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|  SITE BOUNDARY                               |  PREVAILING WIND  |
|  ANCIENT WOODLAND OF HIGHER ECOLOGICAL VALUE |  B 970 ROAD-VOLUME OF TRAFFIC LIMITED                         |
|  KETTLE HOLE                                 |  RIVER SPEY   |
|  CULTURAL HERITAGE                           |  FLOOD PLAIN, 1 IN 200 YRS/ WITH ALLOWANCE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE |

