

ETHOS

LIVING IN THE NATIONAL PARK

The new community at An Camas Mòr would be promoted with a unique ethos, which would evolve and develop over time. The new community would reflect the purpose and aims of the National Park.

RESPONSIBILITY

It would be the intention that inhabitants and businesses would take appropriate responsibility for the local environment. This would include active participation in management and maintenance of public spaces, streets, trees and landscaped areas.

GROWING UP IN THE PARK

Local children, through schools, nurseries and clubs, would learn about the nature around them, using their surrounding environment as a classroom. Growing up in the park could potentially be the best childhood in Scotland. The children who grow up here would become the next generation of guardians of the park.

BUILD YOUR OWN DREAM

The new community offers the opportunity to build your own home. This is one of the best ways of ensuring future residents make a lifelong commitment to the settlement. Usually this type of activity is limited to the occasional detached house on the edge of town, but here there is an opportunity to build town houses or even apartments (perhaps in some kind of small co-operative).

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS

In the same way, the new community presents the opportunity to start new businesses. Local businesses based on indigenous talent are the best way of sustaining employment and economy.

MUTUALITY

The purpose of much of the management would be to ensure that neighbours' rights and amenities are protected, promoted by interpretation and backed by legal agreements made by each purchaser.

LIFE CYCLE

The management of waste, through minimisation, re-use, recycling and other means would be part of life in the park. Local composting and recycling household waste would be the norm. Local Recycling points would be part of the streetscape.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Life in An Camas Mòr would enable an outdoor lifestyle, active sports and recreation, fresh air and physical activity, spending time outdoors in gardens and public spaces with walking and cycling being part of everyday life. Walking to school, to the shops and even to work would be encouraged to be the norm.

GARDENING & ALLOTMENTS

'Natural gardening', concentrating on native species would be promoted, tree species would generally be native to the area. Ground for allotments can be made available outwith the settlement boundary.

PETS

The influx of pets could have a profound effect on the local wildlife, therefore it would be vital that standards be set for pets and their owners. Cats can inadvertently cause a lot of damage. The use of bells and flashing lights on collars can be of great assistance in reducing such damage. Control of dogs and provision of proper facilities would be equally important.

CARS AND PARKING IN THE NATIONAL PARK

Limit the dominance of traffic and parked cars, encouraging more sustainable means of mobility. Apart from walking and cycling, using local public transport, connecting with regional public transport systems would be encouraged. Electric vehicles, particularly for services, would be encouraged.

LONG TERM INVESTMENT

An Camas Mòr would be attractive, high quality, well-designed, well-built and sustainable, in keeping with all the values of the National Park. It would represent a sustainable, long-term investment by its inhabitants and would be a significant contribution to all the Aims of the Park.

