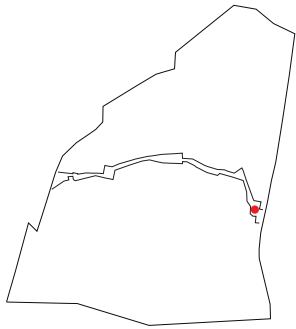
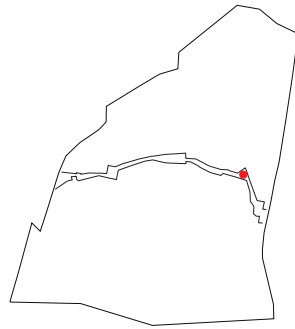


PUBLIC SPACES ON THE HIGH STREET



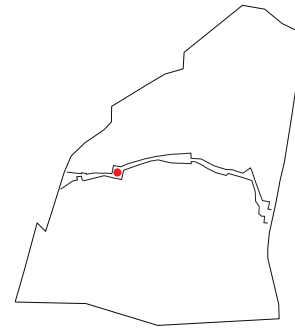
East Square

The notch in the Cairngorm Mountains formed by the Lairig Ghru (Pass of the Druiè) is one of the Cairngorms most distinctive features, giving a clear focus to the east end of the High Street where it emerges out of the woodland shelter belt. The space would be arranged to maximise this view, whilst at the same time providing shelter and sunny corners. The square would be where people park their bikes to catch the bus. It would be a good place for a shop, hotel, bar, café, information and informal community facilities. The square would be one of the first places to be built and set a standard for the design of other focal points within the rest of the community.



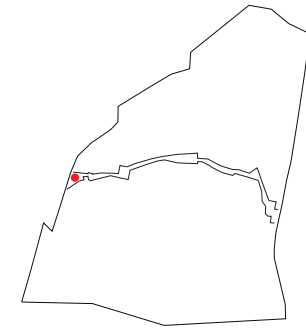
Small Cross

The other, north, end of the first section of the High Street would visually complete the first phase of construction, making a complete street, attractive in its own right. One branch off the square would be the continuation of the High Street, the other would lead to one of the woodland 'wedges', bringing woodland close to the High Street. The three or three and half storey buildings on the north would need to be designed especially carefully and to be eye-catching, maybe with a colonnade at ground floor. The existing small tree would be protected and become a focus of the space.



School Square

According to the Education Authority advice a new primary school would be needed in Period C. The Square would be designed to complement a suitable public or institutional building. The square would be where the bus route that comes through an extensive length of woodland crosses the High Street and would also be at the end of a long pedestrian and cycle route that connects with the first phase. Being at a later stage of the development, the square would be able to attract a modest supermarket, for which deliveries and parking can be well organised. The square would be designed to have a good number of trees within it, perhaps arranged as a square.



West Square

The west end of the High Street would give way to the land overlooking the Spey, partially earmarked for playing fields and also currently being considered by the community as somewhere that might be suitable for some major recreational facilities and environmental activities. The 'gate' would be designed as a welcoming open space, that catches the evening sun, with a constriction at the east end to give a feeling of security entering the High Street.

