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To: [Forestry FLS Communities](#)
Subject: Glenmore visitors centre asset transfer
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Dear FLS

I write to highlight a couple of areas of concern with the proposal from AGCT to take over the visitors centre and cafe at Glenmore

I've been a visitor to Glenmore for 40 years, spending many summer holidays in Glenmore campsite and very much falling in love with Glenmore and the surrounding cairngorms.

When the opportunity arose to take on the lease of the campsite we jumped at the chance.

I have now officially been part of the community for just over a year and now and very much enjoying the experience especially the feeling of community engagement with the other local businesses.

My concerns for the proposal arose when I attended a drop in meeting held by AGCT in November 2023 where they intended to engage with the community.

The meeting was poorly attended, with only 4 members of the community turning up, one member of staff from FLS, and three [REDACTED], from Glenmore Campsite.

The directors of the trust displayed some drawings which in principle had some good ideas.

The trust spoke about the plans for outside the cafe whereby they spoke about ideas to "clear the views to the mountain" which I assumed they mean to fell trees?

They also spoke about fire pits for use in the summer by guests outside.

The Cairngorm national park has just launched a consultation on the proposal of bylaws to limit the use of fires within the park. CNP highlighted this was in response by concerns raised by locals on the potential risk of fires within the park.

Glenmore forest is a natural beauty which should be preserved for all, and not put at risk by fires.

On the campsite we ban all open fires, portable BBQ and only allow charcoal BBQs at low risk times of the year, as we want to safeguard the forest. If the cafe has fire pits this will encourage others to light fires elsewhere.

From attending the meeting, and from the points raised above, I get the impression they do not have the backing of the community nor have they listened to the concerns of the community.

The cafe by Cobbs is a great asset to have on our doorstep and I'm fearful the trust with less experience in this area will not provide as good an offering as is currently provided.

Kind regards

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