## THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947 THE A9 AND A86 TRUNK ROADS (CRUBENMORE TO KINCRAIG) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 201[]

## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR INTENDING TO GIVE AN OPEN SPACE CERTIFICATE

The Scottish Ministers propose to acquire land that forms an open space and certify that they are satisfied that this land is required for the widening of an existing public road within the meaning of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and that the giving in exchange of other land is unnecessary in the interests of the public.

The reasons for the proposal to grant the certificate are:

- The land identified in the schedule to the notice of the intention to grant an open space certificate is considered open space because it is identified in the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2015 as open space. This land is an area totalling 489 square metres or thereby. This land is shaded green in the plan annexed to this notice and is known in this notice as the open space land to be acquired.
- The site is owned by The Highland Council.
- Of the 489 square metres or thereby of open space land to be acquired by the abovementioned compulsory purchase order, 384 square metres or thereby will continue to be available for access by the public following construction of the project.
- An additional area of land totalling 2,207 square metres or thereby, adjacent to the open space land, but currently not designated as open space in the local development plan, will be made open space land and be safeguarded for access by the public following construction of the project. This land is currently part of the A9 trunk road and road embankment and it will be enhanced by new woodland planting to be provided as environmental mitigation as part of the project. This land is shaded cyan, on the plan annexed to this notice and is known in this notice as the land available for public access post construction.
- The land available for public access post construction will provide all functions of exchange land to the public as required by the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 except that it will not be vested in the persons in whom the open space land purchased was vested.
- The land available for public access post construction is equally advantageous to the public, with respect to amenity and accessibility, as the open space land.