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Sent: 05 March 2019 18:12
To: LDP
Subject: Aberdeen City Local Development Plan 2019 - Main issues report
Attachments: Gwen Garden.jpg

Sir/Madam of the council,

I strongly oppose plans to develop the land near Auchenyell Road, Garthdee (reference B1101) for housing. I opt for the open green space to be left as-is so local non-profit organisation 'Gwen's Garden' project can develop woodland, native plants and vegetation boxes for the benefit of the local community.

As a local resident at [redacted] housing development shall negatively impact my quality of life. Reasons I object;

- Local bus services already at max capacity due to students in the new student accommodation. Developing the land opposite shall just further stretch services.
- Local schools already at max capacity. More housing shall stretch school services beyond manageable.
- Development of this space shall affect my privacy due to it overlooking my residence
- Shadows from the housing may also affect my quality of life preventing sunlight in my garden and drive
- Drainage in the area is near the border limit of being an issue. If development were to go ahead then will cause drainage issues in the area affecting all residents. The current green space absorbs loads of water. Housing creates a hard surface so the water will run off and overload the drains at the bottom of Auchenyell Road.
- Local residents have formed the Gwens Garden project with aim of retaining this greenspace so they can plant woodland and vegetation which shall improve air quality and benefit local residents. This is a community project.
- Parking is an issue in Garthdee that is increasingly becoming worse due to increase in students. Adding more housing shall only create more parking issues and this shall end in internal community disagreements. There has already been a few disputes internally with students parking in areas they shouldn't - its inevitable that more housing shall create more disputes which is overall bad for the community.
- Developing housing in the green space shall likely have a negative impact to my house price
- I chose Garthdee Farm Gardens for the clean green atmosphere - building houses only infuriates me.
- The majority of Gathdee residents have opposed the green space and some of the community have already started planting seeds - if the council were to go against the thoughts of the majority of the community who actually live there then there will be consequences.

Beyond Gwens Garden project which shall benefit and engage the local community, there has been proposals by local residents to further develop this green space so it can be used as a recreational park. The idea being that the local community shall get private investment to potentially build a path (at no cost to the council) to better improve the area. Of course this second proposal is purely if council agree's and would like this opportunity to improve the land a stage further than Gwens Gardens contribution. Gwens Garden shall still have same space as before. See attached sketch. I am free to discuss this further - its just an idea at the moment. Primarily the local residents (as myself) would like the land to be retained as green belt.

Please make the right decision for the benefit of the community, not for short term gain.

Kind regards,

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WOODLAND



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