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To: LDP
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FROM GARTHDEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Land on the junction of Auchinyell Road and Garthdee Road (behind Garthdee Farm Gardens)
Land at the former Bowling club site at Ramsay Gardens.

Garthdee community council is contacting you in relation to the two areas of land in Garthdee, which have been proposed under the LDP for housing. This land is the former Bowling club site on Ramsay Gardens and the site at the junction of Auchinyell Road and Garthdee Road, behind Garthdee Farm Gardens.

Proposal for land at junction of Auchinyell Road and Garthdee Road

Garthdee community council strongly opposes any development on this site other than to retain this as green space for our community. This particular area is over congested while any development on that site would result in significant additional access issues.

Further, the residents closest to that site have expressed specific and clear objections to any development of that space where alternative options, such as the proposed development of the former bowling club site, is preferred by Garthdee community council and the residents.

There are concerns in relation to the impact any development would have on those living on Morrison Drive and Garthdee Farm Gardens while most importantly there are significant proposals for additional council housing as referred to elsewhere in Garthdee.

The community council strongly believes that with our community having some 30 years of development, it is vital that the remaining green spaces are retained for our residents, while we cannot continue to add pressures on already stretched local services such as the school, roads, community facilities, GP services and traffic.

There have also been significant concerns raised by residents in relation to drainage and sewerage, power supply, obstruction of natural light, noise pollution during construction, and the quality of life impact any long term development has on residents who have already been subjected to the construction some 20 yards away with the student accommodation at the former Caledon pub site.

Further, this site has a local grass roots community organisation who is working with Aberdeen city council, with ambitious plans to grow and sustain the existing Gwen's garden project, and turn the space into a community garden, wooded area, and conservation space. It is the view of Garthdee community council that all of the negative impacts of this proposal, and the fact that an alternative is already earmarked for housing on the Ramsay Garden's site, with the further addition that the local residents closest to that site object strongly to this proposal, that Aberdeen city council must reject this proposal and retain this land as open green space for our community.

FORMER BOWLING CLUB SITE AT RAMSAY GARDENS.

Garthdee community council supports this proposal to building council housing on this site on the basis that we have objected to the site on Auchinyell Road, that this site represents the best option for housing, and above all else, that any development on this site, as a pre-requisite to our support and that of the wider community, is assured as being council housing and not private developments.

In addition to any proposal for this site, it is the strong view of the Garthdee community and community council that significant and meaningful investment must be made in terms of community amenities to offset the loss of what was a community facility, which did not need to close, the loss of open space, and to mitigate an increase in pressures placed upon local services as a result of family homes being built.

Garthdee has suffered for some 30 years of construction, green space being developed, green belt being built on, pressures on local amenities and infrastructure, without consideration on how these changes impact the lives of our residents, we expect the powers that be to listen and act accordingly when making these decisions which impacts our community.

Finally, the options on your website directed me to answer questions on the LDP which are of no relevance or interest to Garthdee community council in relation to these specific proposals, it is for this reason why I am emailing you our position and not following the suggested platform of consultation.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm receipt of my email and that the above views will form part of the consultation as representing Garthdee community council position.

Best wishes,
Paul.

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Chairman Garthdee community council.

