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1 Introduction

Section 1 provides a context for the Main Issues Report Do you have any comments in relation to this section?

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed plans for housing development relating to land reference B1101 - Land at Garthdee Road. I am a resident at [REDACTED] adjacent to this green belt land.

The land in question is a relatively small area so being able to fit 50 flats and 15 homes or 20 houses in there seems like they'd be really packed in, or the blocks of flats would be several levels high.

My reasons for objecting to housing development on this land are as follows:

1. Loss of sunlight for our properties - We live at the bottom of a large slope and building flats or houses there would absolutely tower over our home and block out any natural light for us in the mornings. We enjoy a lot of natural light in our back garden, kitchen and dining space and this would be blocked if a building of any significant size were built on top of us.

The existing student block opposite the site is visible from our house so these new properties would be right on us and block the sun from our back garden and the rooms to the rear of our home.

2. Construction noise and disruption - The new student block was noisy in construction and we could clearly hear works from our house during this period. Any new building site on this land would be directly over our garden fence and at the top of a large hill at the back of our house.

3. Traffic on Garthdee Road/ Auchinyell Road - These roads are already very busy and lots of people travel at speed around this area. Adding more residents, and therefore cars, into the area is only going to make the problem worse. I feel it is not safe now for families, never mind adding more. The student block built has reduced drivers' visibility approaching the junction with Garthdee Road as they cannot see pedestrians trying to cross at Auchinyell Road.

My child attends the local nursery and it is already very difficult to cross the road safely as a pedestrian. I also know that the nursery take the children to visit the residents of nearby Janesfield Home and it takes the staff a long time to get small children across Garthdee Road safely. There should really be a pedestrian crossing in this area.

There have also been numerous crashes in this area, particularly around the entrance to our development at Den of Pitfodols. Cars coming from Inchgarth Road regularly cut the white line by the junction which is extremely hazardous as we are trying to turn right at the corner.

4. Parking is a huge issue for residents in this area. While the student block was being built the workers would regularly park in our development, which they shouldn't have been doing as it is still a private estate. Any new development will attract new cars as people look for new areas to park.

5. The most important reason to stop this development is to keep Gwen's Garden project going. The land in question is designated as Green Belt which should be protected from development. The team at Gwen's Garden have been doing a lot of work planting shrubs and trees on the land and have plans to re-forest the area.

We see a lot of walkers enjoying the space and residents have been planting trees so it is already a space that is already looked after and loved. There is a lot of wildlife and my husband and I have seen deer grazing in the space. Surely by protecting green space something like the Gwen's Garden project could create something that generations can cherish for years to come - Rather than building more flats and houses on a very tight piece of land already.

There must be a more viable and better location to develop what has been proposed. People need space to enjoy their communities and property - not be hemmed in by busy road junction.

Our quality of life and that of our children, neighbours and the wider community would be significantly reduced if this development was to go ahead.

My husband and I both grew up in the countryside and we are keen for our child to be able to enjoy some green space in our community. The green space next to our property has great potential for something beautiful for the community to enjoy rather than cramming all these houses and flats in. There must be a better location for housing so residents can have more space and not be on a dangerous busy junction.

Kind regards,
Emma Anderson

2 Settlement Strategy

Question 1 New Housing Sites

Do you agree with our preferred housing sites? Are there any other sites that would be suitable for housing?:

Question 2 Housing Allowances Beyond 2032

Is there a need for us to identify further Housing Allowances or sites for the period beyond 2032?:

Question 3 Brownfield and other Opportunity Sites

Are there any further brownfield or other opportunity sites which would be suitable for redevelopment?:

Question 4 New Healthcare Facilities

Do you have any comments on these sites? Are there any other sites in these areas that we should be considering?: