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To: LDP
Subject: ALDP 2022 - Sites B0902, B0946 - Malcolm Road, Peterculter



Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to add a few comments to this site which encompasses OP52 in ALDP2017.

General:

This site was previously assessed as unsuitable in an earlier LDP due to a number of issues. I believe these have been published in a report before. Nothing has changed and so these previous comments are still valid.

This site is a Greenfield site - located in an area of woodland to the North of the village. Prior to tree felling it was a local amenity being enjoyed by dog walkers and people out walking and horse riding. It is very much on the fringe of the village and does not benefit from good access to the rest of it. To get from the site to the shops on North Deeside Road you have to cross Malcolm Road twice. (There is not a continuous length of pavement along Malcolm Road at this point). This is not very safe - especially for children. The site is not served by public transport - the nearest bus stop being a good distance away and not connected by pavement.

In specific:-

Details in application B0946 are slightly short on honesty.

The site is an area of ancient woodland. It has now self seeded, after the area was illicitly partially cleared by the owner in order to defeat the planning process. Indeed, I believe the site has a court order on it now to stop any further tree felling. The case went to court with involvement from the Forestry Commission. One possible outcome was that the area was to be re-instated, however I have not heard what happened.

Section 9.of the application "Sustainable development and design" Item 9.36 quotes "Site is currently inaccessible & unsightly vacant grassland site." The site was accessible and indeed had a public right of way leading to the village via Bucklerburn Road. This is now useless after the owner felled the trees and left them onsite obstructing the established route. It is not 'unsightly,' however, and is currently home to wildlife, [REDACTED] displaced by the construction of the AWPR. There are less and less woodland areas for these creatures to go.

In summary I feel the site is unsuitable as it is causing a loss of green space in the village. With the rise of dog ownership, we need spaces like this. The way the site has been deliberately degraded to enhance its appeal for planning is also very disappointing.

Yours sincerely,

