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**To:** [LDP](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed development at Potterton  
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- > Dear Sir
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- > I wish to lodge my comments regarding the proposed building within the Potterton and Milton of Potterton areas. I am totally against this works for the following reason :
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- > Firstly this proposal for the first part of this development is on Green Belt Land. I was under the impression that because of the status of this land it was protected. If the land is no longer Green Belt when did this happen and why were residents not informed??
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- > Secondly, the increase of traffic through the village will have a detrimental effect to the way we live in this quiet village. At the moment we feel very safe on the roads either going towards the AWPR or on to the B999 but this would change if there were a constant stream of lorries. The village had to endure this when the bypass was being built we certainly don't want to have to live through this again with more development.
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- > Next, At the moment the children of primary age are bused to Balmedie Primary School. This development would mean another 2/3 buses required for children and there is no money or space to increase the size of the School. Do we really want our children cramped into an already full to capacity school. Also the nursery at Potterton is set in an old school within the village with no chance of expansion and at the moment they have to fight for every extra penny to support the children Also the extra hours for nursery provision will not help the situation within the village. More houses means more children which means more nursery and school places being needed.
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- > Then of course there are the secondary children that are bused to Bridge of Don Academy as there is no provision for a secondary school within this area. Is the Academy able to or willing to have extra children on the roll??
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- > We have also got to think of the water and sewage provision within the village and surrounding areas. Is this adequate to service more houses/families in this area? Would this have to be updated to accommodate this development? How long would this take and how much disruption to the village and out lining residents would this affect??
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- > I haven't even spoken about the surrounding area of this village. With this ongoing pandemic villagers have felt safe either going for a walk in the area or just being in their own gardens. This is a quiet area which is very friendly. Neighbours helping neighbours, looking out for each other and this pandemic have made us a lot closer. We wouldn't have this if Potterton were to grow bigger. In this village we have residents who have been here for 40/50 years, people who have grown up in the village and have come back with families and also new families. All agree that the calm and peacefulness of this village is what makes it unique and we don't want to lose that.
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- > We may only have one shop and post office in the village but you know that you can get anything needed in the shop, newspapers delivered, local jobs for children looking for a delivery job, all matter of parcels health with at Post Office, shop was even opened on Christmas Day for one resident that had forgotten somethings. You wouldn't get that from a Franchise with no owner on site.
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- > The local wild life would be affected. At the moment we have deer coming down from the hills and because of the traffic at moment there has been a few killed. This would increase with increase with the traffic. Not acceptable. But also around this area we have starlings, badgers, foxes, red squirrels and bats ( which i am sure are protected animals). We cannot afford to lose these animals or have them pushed out of their natural habitats.
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- > I wish this objection email be put forward to the Planning Department and my objection lodged. I would also

appreciate acknowledgement of this email

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> Yours

> Diane Massie

> Concerned resident of Potterton.

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