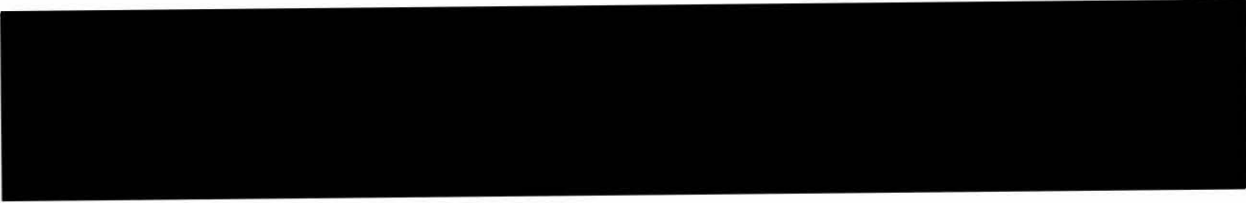


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Dear Sirs/Madam

*Local Development Plan 2021 - Proposal for Development at Site OP3
Belhelvie*

I refer to the above proposal and would wish to put forward my objections to this application. I have serious concerns regarding the connecting road through the existing Cairntack Housing Development. This development has been there for 45 years and was not intended to have large volume of traffic passing through. Apart from the existing housing developments there are little or no pavements in the area.

Prior to the AWPR Belhelvie Village was extremely busy as this was the main road from Peterhead and other towns in the north to Dyce. Even now with the AWPR up and running the traffic is still quite steady meaning pedestrian safety is important - what pavements there are many are very narrow and not suitable for people with prams or pushchairs. One of my hopes was some day to be able to walk to the nearest shop in the area at Potterton . I have walked this route a few times but consider pedestrian safety is non existent - oh for a decent pavement!!!

The parking in Cairn View is horrendous with cars parked half on/half off the pavement making it extremely dangerous for pedestrians and again people with prams. The garages there are simply not designed for a 2020 type car or vehicle as they are simply way too small.

I believe if low cost housing is proposed that this would mean possibly no garages would be erected making the traffic on the roads twice as bad. The situation proposed simply screams dangerous to pedestrians and very tricky for vehicles being negotiated through the scheme.

Cattle lorries and hg vehicles are constantly travelling to and fro Cairntack Farm and with the inevitable increase in traffic from the new site would mean this would be an added hazard. In addition I am of the view that increase in traffic would undoubtedly be detrimental to the existing wildlife which we have in abundance in and around the village. Another important point is that access to the playpark would be extremely dangerous for the local children given that the traffic will undoubtedly be increase to a large extent.

I am of the view that the access suggestions should be looked at again and indeed very thoroughly. I believe there is a loop road in Cairn View which might be used to resolve this situation. Perhaps footpaths could be placed between the sites to allow pedestrian access.

In addition the bus service is very poor and indeed more so in wintertime. If it is frosty the bus just goes straight up the B999 through Potterton leaving passengers at Belhelvie stranded with no way of getting to and fro work in town.

I believe that the local schools are already full up and to have more houses erected would mean many more children requiring education and transportation.

Regarding drainage I believe the existing system is already having trouble coping with the current inflow and this system would obviously need to be upgraded to cope with many more persons living in the village.

There is also the question of amenities. These comprise of only half power street lighting and bucket collections and a post box. Should this project get approval I would think that further amenities such as shops, medical facilities would be essential.

I would be grateful if my objections could be looked at and considered when this application is being heard.

Yours faithfully

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