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Subject: Local Development Plan - OP1 & OP2 - Objection
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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to you to object to the local development plan with regards to the proposed developments at sites **OP1** and **OP2** in Strichen.

These developments propose for the building of 40 houses and associated infrastructure to be built on the fields at the top of Hospital Brae.

I would like to object on the following grounds;

The current and proposed road development is totally unsuitable for any further traffic. A development of this size would result in at least 80 further cars to be using Hospital Brae daily. Added to this number of additional cars will be regular and irregular visitors, deliveries, contractors and council workers.

Currently the area is used extensively by the local community to visit the White Horse landmark and surrounding open countryside for walking, running, dog walking, etc. As I am sure the council has observed during their site visit, Hospital Brae is a very steep road with a blind corner half way up. The pavement ends at the blind corner and continues on the other side of the road therefore, pedestrians are required to cross the road at the blind corner. The additional traffic on Hospital Brae would make this more hazardous to those using Hospital Brae.

The proposed development site (OP2) is regularly used by the local community for walking, children's playing and exercise. This area is maintained and paths cut in the grass by the local neighbours to allow community use. It would be dreadful for this natural resource to be lost to the people of Strichen.

Our property and those of our neighbours are lined with very tall mature trees. We are therefore concerned about the impact of the proposed developments on these trees. There would be an impact of digging foundations and the extensive earthworks required by this site (OP1) on the root system of our trees and those of our neighbours. We would not consent to the removal or topping of our trees or any measures which would damage the health of the trees.

On Hospital Brae we are lucky to have a large population of bats. As I am sure you are aware bats are a protected species and the proposed development would undoubtedly result in the loss of their natural habitat.

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge this letter and take all our points into consideration before making any decision.

Regards
Mr Patrick Nesbitt