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Proposal for Development of 11 houses at Site OP1 Findon - Land South of Earnsheugh Terrace, FINDON.

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to outline my concerns for the above development in Findon after having studied the plans and proposal.

To increase the housing in this small community by 20% will have a detrimental impact on Findon village, due to the increase in traffic on the very narrow access roads into the village. The construction of 11 houses will have no benefit to the village of Findon.

The access point to the proposed development is on narrow single track road which cannot be widened at the top due to houses.

The road is also used by Survitec, the business at the bottom of the village which employs 50 people.

Articulated lorries and 7.5 ton lorries regularly go up and down this single lane road, along with delivery vans and customers. There is no pavement and the road has a dangerous blind junction onto the 90 degree corner of Findon Road. This road is unsuited for access in and out of a housing development. More houses mean more cars, oil tankers, and delivery vans on a very narrow road.

It will have a detrimental effect on the nearby Findon Moor a SSI site, which is home to a variety of wildlife, deer, hares, foxes and a variety of birds. The loss of this habitat to the local wildlife is unacceptable and out of step with current environmental policy.

Findon is a historical village famous for the Finnan Haddie, the original smoke house being situated in Earnsheugh Terrace. A modern housing development on this site would erode its unique character and historical identity.

A new housing development would put greater strain on the existing limited energy infrastructure. There is no gas supply in Findon, only domestic oil, butane cylinders, coal and wood burners. Telegraph poles support the telephones and electricity lines. There is no street lighting in Findon and few roads have been adopted by the council.

Waste water systems in the village would require a significant upgrade to accommodate more housing, and drainage on the site is poor as the field collects water.

The construction of 11 houses is on an agricultural open green field in the centre of Findon, and it will be of no benefit to the green network.

Findon Village is a historic fishing village which needs protection from unnecessary housing development. There are housing developments at Hillside, Cairnrobin, Cove and Chapelton to

meet public demand. There are no play areas for children in the village, no pavements or footpaths in the surrounding area. There is no bus service, as a result each existing household has one or more cars.

There are no shops or amenities in the village. To access the supermarket you have to drive. Children are transported by School Bus to the schools in Portlethen.

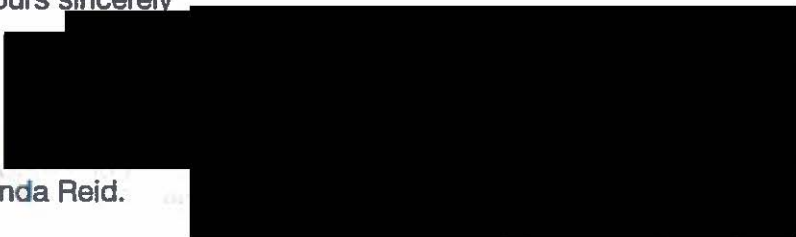
11 more houses will increase traffic in and out of the village on single lane roads, causing hazards to residents and drivers.

It would appear that there has been limited notification to householders in Findon about this development. It's location will affect all residents due to the increase in traffic on very narrow single track roads.

I also think that it's pertinent to take into consideration that discussion of these proposals by Findon residents have been hampered by COVID restrictions. An extension to the bid should therefore be considered.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Linda Reid.