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To Whom it May Concern

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 – PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AT OP3
BELHELVE**

I am a resident of [REDACTED], Belhelvie and object to the above development for various reasons.

Cairntack Road is narrow with several blind corners. Sometimes people park half on the road and half on the pavement, even on the corners, which is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. With increased traffic on the road, this would make it even more dangerous for children, residents walking and motorists reversing out of driveways.

In winter the road and pavements are more dangerous because of snow, ice or heavy frost. Aberdeenshire Council does not clear or grit the road and pavements. Two areas in particular are most affected, the last 60 yards before it joins the "main Cairntack Road" junction, and the first road to the right of the "inner circle". They are more hazardous because of their gradient. These two areas become very slippery and dangerous in these conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. If the traffic capacity is increased then the dangers of accidents will also increase. If a loop road from Cairntack Road is built for the new development, the volume of traffic in Cairntack Road would increase dramatically. Cairntack Road was not meant to carry such a volume of traffic.

Belhelvie has no amenities so if you live here you require a car. If you develop this proposed area then there could possibly be more than 200 extra cars using the existing roads. Belhelvie villagers have no easy access to doctors, chemist, schools, playgroups or nurseries, unless they go by car. There are no pavements beyond the village and it is dangerous to walk by the side of the country roads.

The children in the area are bused each day to Balmedie Primary and Bridge of Don Academy. These buses pick up and drop the children from the bottom of Cairntack Road. It can cause a build up of traffic in the village which can be dangerous for children crossing the road. Parents with cars waiting for their children can also cause congestion on Cairntack Road and reduce the road to single file traffic.

The increased developments in Belhelvie, Potterton , Balmedie , Blackdog and Bridge of Don will put extra strain on schools , doctor surgeries ,. playgroups and nurseries.

The bus service in this area only runs into Aberdeen every two hours and is less frequent in the evenings and at the weekend . The service is sometimes unreliable, coming late or not at all because of breakdowns or inclement weather

The roads to and from the village are narrow in places and prone to flooding. They are not suitable for heavy lorries or other heavy vehicles. In the recent past there have been lots of lorries through the village when the A90 was being upgraded.

When there is an accident on the A90 traffic gets diverted through the village .

I hope you will consider my concerns and objections when discussions for the proposed development take place.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Mrs A Moir.

Mrs A Moir

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