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Hello,

Please find the submitted representation below.

I spoke to the representee last week and she was having issues downloading the Response Form, and so I informed her it would be acceptable to send in her rep via email so long as the appropriate contact details were included, which it seems they are.

Kind regards,

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The proposed road ,as far as I can tell ,is solely for the purpose of alleviating traffic through Newburgh Main Street. It is based entirely on car use and no thought at all has been given to the environmental damage it will cause. This is serious considering that the Estuary is internationally protected and recognised. The land on both sides is SSSI.

Knockhall Road is used by many hundreds of walkers , joggers, cyclists , mothers with prams , and the elderly who are needing a safe solid surface after recovering from hip and knee operations. It is the only country road suitable for this out of Newburgh which has the beach and golf course on one side (not suitable for many of these things) and very busy main roads without pavements on the other. My front drive to Ythan Lodge with its pedestrian right of way to Knockhall Castle , which has been there since the 1500s has been used by the village for hundreds of years and in all seasons as a safe and pleasant country walk , filled with flowers in Spring , trees in summer and insects and butterflies in profusion, will be virtually destroyed for the whole village. To have a two way main road at the cross roads would entail having a zebra crossing with lights or and underground tunnel , neither of which would be attractive and would destroy this precious amenity.

If I remember correctly when the new housing estate was proposed road planning was entirely based on the convenience of the car user . Time has moved on and it is now far more important to consider the environment , cyclists and walkers than it ever was before especially during lockdown. The officials who came to the public meeting several years ago which was held on Knockhall Road came from Falkirk. None of them had ever lived in Newburgh nor were they likely to . They had never heard of Knockhall Castle and made it abundantly clear that they were not there to consider environmental or local issues. There is a good reason for this . When new roads are built they always cause grief to those living beside them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is likely in due course that there will be a dual carriageway from Ellon to Peterhead . Those wishing to travel North from Newburgh will therefore use it . However, if this road goes ahead this precious local amenity will have been lost forever.

From an entirely selfish point of view I should be quite pleased with this outcome as it would save me many hours of work per week picking up dog poo bags, cigarette packets , drinks cans , bottles and dirty nappies from the side of my drive and maintaining the drive and the verges. I love Newburgh and have always wanted to be public spirited in her favour and have set my heart against closing the drive and preventing the public coming up it. It seems from this report that the roads department are prepared to [REDACTED] , [REDACTED] shut the walk down. Do they really want to take on this role? Do the local councillors really want to support them? I sincerely hope not.

I have not gone into the safety aspect. The sharp bend after crossing the Ythan bridge has always been a danger. My daughter was nearly killed turning right up to Knockhall when a vehicle three cars behind did not see her indicator and decided to overtake the other vehicles ahead of him and drove straight into her. This has been a near miss several times since. This road would merely increase that danger. It is definitely not a good idea. Please think again.

Anne Wolrige Gordon