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Subject: ROYAL DEVENICK PARK (OP46, BID 1308 LEGGAT BRAE) 31 JULY 2020
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re Development Plans for Banchory Devenick

I write to object STRONGLY to any proposed development plans regarding Banchory Devenick.

Banchory Devenick provides a traditional natural environment close to the highly developed City of Aberdeen and, I understand, is legally of green belt status. I am shocked that it should be seriously considered for building development, especially at a time when natural green spaces are increasingly widely appreciated as being necessary for human mental and physical wellbeing.

Banchory Devenick has its own indigenous natural ecology which would be destroyed by large-scale housing development. It supports a finely balanced ecosystem with a variety of habitats, ranging from open fields and hedgerows to woodlands. In this diverse natural environment lives a wonderful variety of wildlife including mammals, birds, amphibians, insects, flowering plants, grasses, bushes and trees. These should be treasured and conserved.

Cultivated fields are found in Banchory Devenick, harmonising with nature and providing food crops and animal pasture. Thus the natural environment peacefully compliments agriculture with which it merges.

At a time of national uncertainty about the future effects of Brexit and the Covid pandemic, it would be foolish and contrary to the interest of society to interfere with the environment and ecology of Banchory Devenick. It has a much needed role in providing for human mental and physical wellbeing.

I strongly request that it be left unspoilt by development but saved and cherished for the good of this and future generations. Its conservation is our historic duty.

Regards

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