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I wish to comment on the areas OP2 and OP3 (Newburgh catchment) which are proposed for housing development.

Both are inconsistent with the shape and identity of the village, which has already been expanded beyond the familiar scale of a village community (viz. the recent barrack-like Knockhall development). Further mass housebuilding would incontrovertibly alter the experience of existing householders, who chose to live here for the village experience, not the experience of a town.

On a practical level, construction of 220 dwellings on these sites would inevitably increase the traffic on School Road (the B990) and consequently the number of vehicles travelling toward Aberdeen through Foveran. This would be a negative step when Foveran and particularly Foveran School have recently experienced lighter traffic as a consequence of the Western Peripheral Route.

The pressure from further housing upon the local environment (beach, dunes, etc.) would be deleterious, with increased foot traffic in areas already subject to erosion, littering and the disturbance of wildlife.

The related infrastructure requirement for these developments, specifically the new link road (upon which I have commented separately), would significantly detract from the natural amenity of Newburgh.

It is worth remembering that change and growth are not always for the better.

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