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**Subject:** RE: Ref LDP2021 Representation

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Thank you for your email below. I will pass this on to our Admin Team for processing as a representation on the Proposed LDP. You will receive formal acknowledgment of your representation in due course.

Kind regards

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**From:** ken hood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 July 2020 23:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Ref LDP2021 Representation

Proposed LDP Appendix 7 Page 535 Representation

Please accept this e-mail, i tried to use the proforma form but found it difficult to use.

Since the Main Issues Report was published in January 2019, the Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk Community Council has identified the site subject to the proposed R1 allocation as being their preferred location for development of a community hub.

I understand that initial discussion has taken place between the Community Council and the Council's Community Planning and Estates Teams on this matter.

The general consensus of the community is that we have not been consulted. The community council have not been very good in passing on any information to us and when it was announced that a suitable site had proposed it came as a great surprise to the community especially those that live close to the proposed site. Although they said information notices were posted through every letterbox many of us do not recall this. Facebook and a web site are in use but not followed by all the community and although a notice board exists in the village no CCM notices seem to be posted on the notice board.

The community council appear to have acted on a relatively small majority of the community who want something put in place quickly.

In preparing the Issues and Actions papers, documents that summarise and respond to comments received on the Main Issues Report, it was outlined that the existing P2 site was now the preferred location for a community hub. In September 2019, The Garioch Area Committee considered the Issues and Actions papers, including a recommendation that the existing P2 designation be reallocated as reserved land for development of a community hub. It was made clear that until this is developed the site should be maintained as open space.

Not Communicated to the residents at the time.

Due to the previous activity by the Community Council, the site for the potential hub is further on than the community were and are generally aware of.

To ensure transparency, it is my sense that the proposed change was recommended at the Special Meeting Of The Garioch Area Committee on 03/09/2019?

You may not be able to provide this directly, but the method of this being considered and proposed would be good to know.

On 05/09/2019 there was a community meeting, where a proposed hub concept was shared - a surprise to many in the community, particularly those whose properties were next to this - apparently - conceptual site. We were guided that the suggested location was only that, at no point then or since, were the community made aware that there was a proposed change from Protected to Reserved in progress.

It is fair to suggest that activity was ongoing to that point in relative isolation from the actual community. The Community Council acted from a limited survey completed some years back, but their progress was not widely known.

As a result of this, the community has progressed down a path of initially re-validating requirement with the community, and if there is tangible support, then funding, reviewing site options, etc, etc.

To find that, in my mind, the site location is almost a fait accompli, is challenging, as the area is mature, with mature trees, wildlife and is also a nice exercise area for local residents.

At none of the community meetings since and including 05 September, has any party shared this key information - proposed change from Protected to Reserved - with the broader community.

I believe that if the community want a hub and it should go in Council land, its should be located at the school.

After all a new footpath from the village to the school has been planned and approved at great expense and work was due to commence I believe this year in April before Covid struck. Lets use it !

Or

The correct course of action for this Hub should be pursued, planned and located within any future new development. We have yet again missed the opportunity with current [REDACTED] development now under construction.

Yet another new planning application recently submitted for a further 49 houses by [REDACTED] and yet again no apparent provision for community facilities in the plans ?

More houses are likely to increase the school role past capacity perhaps the school needs extended to include a sports/community hall.

We seems have a local Authority with Little Authority, Should planners not be pursuing and insisting on these needs to be included the developers plans?

Please ensure that the site is put back to a protected site, not R1 back to P1

The site is not suitable for any community hub.

No services, No parking, Trees and vegetation will need to be cut down, too close to existing houses.

This is being parachuted into an existing community space that the community has been quite happy with for 20+ years

There is no consideration to the nearby residents, Its not wanted in that location by the majority of the community who live quietly around that location.

My Opinion is that some residents to the area miss the services that they used to have when they lived in communities such as Westhill or Inverurie.

Forgetting that a lot of Residents have moved to Sauchen because it is **NOT** like Westhill or Inverurie and we like the peace and quiet and general friendly ambiance of the village !

This Hub and parachuting it into this location, and how it is being progressed is currently causing division the village.

Best Regards,

Ken Hood

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