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(I confirm I have read the privacy notice.)

I wish to object to the newly allocated site of OP1, North of Forbes Park, Echt for the following reasons:

1 Conservation of Rural Heritage.

Aberdeenshire should be looking towards keeping attractive rural villages as part of its cultural heritage. The most recent addition of houses in Forbes Park etc. has already diminished this. The houses that were built with their "plastic" roof tiles and white exterior walls do not blend in to the area, and do nothing to enhance it. To increase the number of houses here will further compound this architectural error.

2 Transport Issues

New settlements should be located near good transport corridors. One cannot live in Echt without reliance on a car. The bus service is so limited. There are not sufficient facilities. The village shop is handy, but cannot provide all that a family needs. Teenagers looking for more independence cannot spend a Saturday afternoon in Aberdeen, without being stranded at Westhill. More houses will mean even more cars in a village that already can feel quite congested at times. Parking can be an issue.

3 Flood Risk

The proposed area is actually very prone to flooding. I have lived here 36 years and can testify to that.

4 Services and Infrastructure

I believe the Waste Water Treatment Works will not be sufficient as it is already operating at capacity, with no plans to increase this capacity to any great extent.

## 5 Education

The school would find it difficult to cater for an increased roll. There is insufficient classroom accommodation, and little scope to expand.

I sincerely believe it would be a mistake to add any more homes to this village, primarily because of lack of transport and amenities.