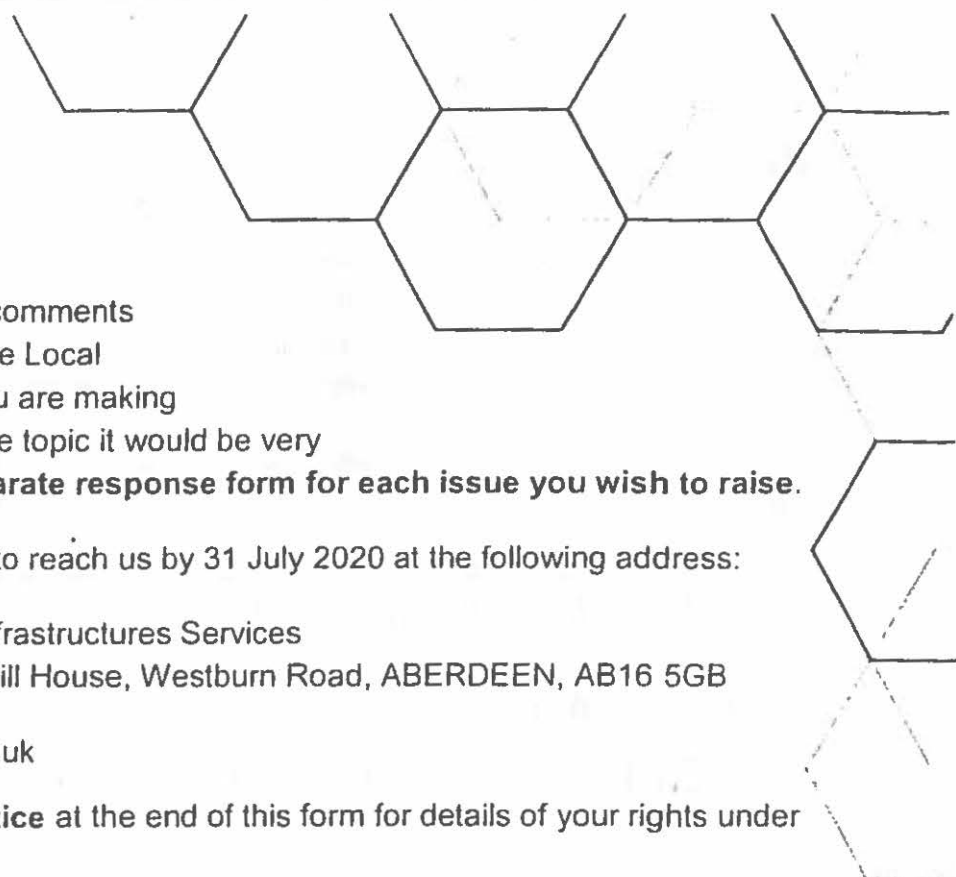


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Reason for change:

SEE ATTACHED

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The vast majority of the people living in Potterton do so because they want to live in a village atmosphere, not a housing estate. This development (utilising Greenbelt) would increase Potterton disproportionately, without the real infrastructure.

Reason for change:

See attached.

Greenbelt Usage for Housing

One of the main reasons for commenting is that the greenbelt in the village is yet again being eroded with the establishment of more properties on these areas. The establishment of housing on the scale proposed would undermine the rural living and increase the size of the village disproportionately.

I am sure that there are other sites available that will not necessitate the use of greenbelt areas.

Interaction with the local community

There has been little interaction with the local community on the proposed development. 237 housing will significantly change the way of living for local residents, yet there has been no local meetings where views could be aired.

Education Facilities

The local Primary School at Balmedie has been struggling for some time to cope with an ever-increasing strain on its capacity. Recent reports show that within a few years it will reach overcapacity. The development in Potterton will exacerbate this situation.

Infrastructure & Amenities

Potterton does not have the infrastructure to support a further 237 homes. The road system is what you would expect in a village, small winding roads (sometimes single track). This infrastructure will not sustain an increase in housing of around 60%. We do not want a new road structure for mass transportation that is why we have chosen to live in a village.

As always with such large developments, there will be no infrastructure to support the development. Despite developer promises, nothing will materialize, and we will be left with vandalism and the problems that we see in such developments in the area.

Housing Requirements

We are currently seeing significant changes in the landscape in the Aberdeen area. The oil industry on which the area has relied in the past is steadily being wound down, with the resulting reduction in employment. If we add to this the massive impact of Covid 19 will have on employment. Then it begs the question do we really need this housing to the extent that we need to build on a greenbelt area?

Planning Objectives

When I look at a Formartine document it states that the Planning Objectives for the development are as follows:

- To help contribute to the overall sense of place in the community
- Preserve the amenity of the settlement
- To provide local employment needs
- To support community facilities and services

I must admit that these objectives leave me a little baffled as to how building 237 houses will contribute to any of the objectives.

To help contribute to the overall sense of place in the community - how will increase housing by 60% and destroying our greenbelt help our sense of place in

the community? We already have a good community spirit in the village that we do not want destroyed.

Preserve the amenity of the settlement - Preserving the amenity of the settlement can best be achieved by leaving it as it is

To provide local employment needs - The proposed development will provide employment to the builders (who are probably NOT local). But I fail to see how any local employment will be provided by these additional houses.

To support community facilities and services - How will increasing housing by 60% support community facilities and services? It will simply put more of a strain on the facilities as detailed earlier.

If the objectives for building the houses and destroying our greenbelt are as above, then I would suggest that the planners are totally missing their objectives and the proposal should not be approved.

Bernard Humphrey
22nd July 2020