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Which document(s) are you committing on?	Main Issues Report	✓
	Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Strategic	✓
	Environmental Assessment Interim Environmental Assessment	✓
	Other	

Your comments

These comments relate to all the documents above. MIR, Strategic Environmental Assessment of bid sites which I will refer to as SEA and should be incorporated into the LDP

- 1. The introductory paragraph for Banchory in the MIR omits to state the importance to the community and environment of the conservation of wildlife sites. I find this shocking in the 21st century . Loss of biodiversity is a serious issue ,once habitats are lost they cannot be replaced.**
- 2. The Planning Objectives stated at the start of the Banchory section of the MIR should include Protection of the natural environment Not just protection of houses, employment, community facilities and attractiveness of the town.**
- 3. The Loch of the Leys Local conservation site is highly biodiverse , it forms a boundary with 60% of MRO38 -the preferred site for development. Development on MRO38 will have a negative impact on the biodiversity of this site. THE VALUE OF THE BIODIVERSITY HAS NOT BEEN STATED IN THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) OF BID SITES SEE PAGES 16 TO 18 OF RELEVANT SECTION IN MIR. IT IS RATED AS 0 IMPACT ! Other sites in the banchory area are given a -- impact rating**
- 4. MRO38 should have a - - rating for impact on wildlife not the 0 it currently has. This would be based on your comments within the Strategic Environmental Assessment of bid sites and comparison with similar sites around Banchory (such as MR062) and comments contained herein.**
- 5. AS MR038 is in the Dee Valley Special Landscape area and your assessment states that this is valuable the landscape rating should also be - - . I disagree with the statement in your SEA of bid sites that replacing this landscape with new houses is only likely to have medium term effects over time . The current small scale field pattern , boundaries, woodland etc will be lost for ever.**
- 6. You have rated the negative effect on the landscape of MRO38 in your SEA as zero However you have stated that the following will be changed :openness , scale, colour, texture, visual diversity, pattern, movement, sound , solitude, naturalness and historical and cultural associations. How can this get a zero rating for impact on landscape when the changes are so extensive and dramatic !**



Biodiversity on MRO38 and Priority species under UK Biodiversity action plan

- 1. MRO38 should not be developed because it is an area of high biodiversity , with 60 % of its border contiguous with the Loch of the Leys Local Nature Conservation Site . We are losing species in the world and locally at an alarming rate , surely this is our chance to do our bit locally for biodiversity?**
- 2. Priority species and habitats located on MR038 are as follows: 30% lowland mixed deciduous woodland , medium sized stand of Aspen *Populus tremula* , Red Squirrel , Yellow Hammer, Snipe, Lapwing, Toad, Lizard, Otter, Skylark and Linnet. Along with many other valuable species not yet noted as priority eg Red Kite Buzzard and Orchids . The are is also a beautiful stand of open wild Cherry or Gean .**
- 3. An extensive (50m) buffer zone will need to be maintained around the Local Nature Conservation site to maintain the conservation value of the Nature Reserve . disturbance should be avoided .**
- 4. MRO38 is part of SEPAs indicative 1 to 200 year flood risk area and has small watercourses running through and adjacent to the site. Thus making development difficult , it's a very wet site next to a quaking Bog .**

Travel / Climate change

MRO38 lies approx. 3kms from the centre of Banchory , this will mean a lot more traffic and increased co2 emissions . The closest sites in the MIR are only a 500m walk . Should these sites not be preferred ?

As you will be aware a duty of responsibility to look after biodiversity has been placed on Government under the Countryside Act Scotland 2004 . It is vital that you realise that this area is highly valuable for wildlife and that we look after it for the biodiversity itself , ourselves and future generations.

We are already losing a significant wildlife and amenity area in the development of OP2 a mature Scots pine and broadleaved woodland and wetland with some heathland . This area should not be developed on the same grounds. But sadly the decision appears to have been made.

Your comments (continued)

