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## Your comments

Dear Sirs,

Reference :- Main Issues Report and Strategic Environmental Assessment of Bid Sites with specific reference to:-

**Kincardine and Mearns Appendix Part 2: KN 069 – 072, Banchory Devenick**

I very much welcome the Council's recommendation to classify the above development bids as 'not preferred', and this recommendation's consistency with the Aberdeen City and Shire's Strategic Plan 2018.

It is recognised that although the recommendation of 'not preferred' is welcomed, at this stage the MIR document remains an "Officers Report" and has no effect on future planning decisions at this time.

Having recognised the above I should like to add further comment re the section titled -

**Natural Heritage and Landscape.**

It is noted that the 'not preferred' recommendation is consistent with the two policies on Natural Heritage and Landscape (Ch 8).

Policy "E1 Natural Heritage which sets out protection for nationally and locally designated nature conservation sites, protected species and wider biodiversity and geodiversity"

### My Comments

The above policy document Ref E1 Natural Heritage sets out protection for national and local designated nature conservation sites, protected species and wider biodiversity and geodiversity.

The area known as Banchory Devenick, as discussed in the Local Development Plan has no National or Local designated sites but this should not detract from its importance with regard to protected species and its wider biodiversity and geodiversity.

As a resident of Leggart Terrace for forty-six years I have enjoyed walking and exploring the wedge of "Green Belt" between the Stonehaven Road and the South Deeside Road and recording sightings of birds and other fauna that I have encountered during that time. I have seen some important changes such as the colonisation and eradication from the tree belts by Grey Squirrels and the very pleasing return of the Red Squirrel in recent years.

The area boasts the presence of Schedule 1 species such as breeding Barn Owl and Pine Marten and a host of important fauna that populate the Lowland Farmland Grassland and both Conifers and Broad-leaved Woodland.

The diversity of this flora and fauna including badgers, otters, buzzards and owls, has been recorded and is available for viewing and analysis through the NESBReC (North East Scotland Biological Records Centre) as and when required.

My request and hopes are that planners seriously explore other avenues for development, using available projects that have already been authorised and the use of Brownfield and other sites before they consider allowing the building of houses on the lands known as Banchory Devenick. I strongly believe that we need to

retain areas such as this that provide opportunities for the citizens of Aberdeen, and their children, to enjoy the recreational space and the opportunity to get close to nature.

It is felt that any developments within Banchory Devenick will threaten and probably destroy these existing benefits.

Your sincerely 





