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	Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan	✓
	Strategic Environmental Assessment Interim Environmental Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your comments

Site FR008 – Land within OP1, South West of Pitmedden – 5 homes

On behalf of Claymore Homes, objection is made to the failure of Officer's to identify the land within the OP1 designation as a preferred location for 5 houses in the Main Issues Report. Objection is also made to the continued reference to community facilities within the Draft Proposed Local Development Plan (DPLDP).

This representation should be read in conjunction with the development bid submitted at the pre-MIR stage and demonstrates that the site is suitable for alternative forms of development.

The MIR raises a number of issues to which we wish to respond.

“The proposed development site could not be accessed through the Health Centre road as this is in private ownership”

If access was not possible through the Health Centre site, provision has been made for access through the residential site adjacent which is consented and under construction. As it is only a small development proposal, there are not considered to be any traffic impacts from this proposal and the site can be accessed satisfactorily.

“The watercourse will require a buffer strip”

A buffer strip is contained on the housing site adjacent and this could be continued along this site. This is not considered to be an impediment to development.

“There still remains an aspiration to create a village hall in the community and this location represents an appropriate site on which there are community expectations. This location remains the best location for a centrally placed town hall that can share parking associated with the health centre and meet the expectations of the community”

The site has been considered for a public hall since at least 2003, when the Development Brief was approved for the site. It is considered that this is ample time for such proposals to be implemented and as noting has progressed, it is questioned whether this will ever be developed at this location. As such, the public hall allocation should be removed from the LDP at this location.

“No other site has been identified for such a facility by the developer”

Given the density of the reserved site (FR006) is larger than the allocation of houses given, it is argued that there is an opportunity to develop a town hall on that site if no other sites in the centre of Pitmedden were available.

Conclusion

It is requested that the community facility is removed from the Proposed Local Development Plan under OP1 and the housing numbers allocated to the site increased by 5 units.