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

In relation to plan MR062 – Hillcroft Road/Sunset Seat.

The proposed development here lies on an area of natural woodland that was many years ago farmland. It is an area that is enjoyed by many, many local residents for walking, exercising dogs, cycling and by children playing. In the Xbox and Play Station age there is nothing better than seeing children enjoying good old fashioned outside play.

The proposed development is wholly unsuitable and unnecessary. To proceed with this development would mean the destruction of an area of natural woodland of which there is little enough, the destruction and disruption to footpaths which are widely used and the loss of a beautiful area of natural space that helps make Banchory the beautiful town that it is. We are rapidly running out of natural areas where wildlife can thrive and been seen by the population. We regularly have deer at our back garden fence, a wonderful sight and one sure to disappear if 50 houses are constructed. Red squirrels also reside in the woodland here. Red squirrels are protected by law and this development would undoubtedly disturb their shelters which are also protected by law. For a species that is so under threat we really cannot allow this to happen.

Amenities in Banchory are already at breaking point. The doctors surgery is stretched to capacity and both primary schools – Banchory Primary and Hill of Banchory Primary and also Banchory Academy are full to capacity. If any or all 5 of the proposed developments in the town go ahead you could be looking at up to an extra 100-200 children requiring places at already full schools that are struggling to attract teaching staff into vacant positions.

For this particular development the road infrastructure simply does not exist. This is a quiet area of Banchory and the access and egress route to this site would not be suitable for either construction traffic during the building phase or the increased residential traffic of 50 new homes once constructed. Banchory itself has become so much busier in recent years with all the new housing that has already been built so even in the wider context of the entire town more traffic cannot be accommodated.

My feelings and those of my neighbours are that the only people that will benefit from this proposal are the land owners and developers themselves. Banchory already has housing stock that is not selling so there is no need to further saturate the market with even more new build properties that would entirely spoil the reason why many of us moved to Banchory in the first place.

Greed is the underlying factor in this proposal, not a desire to add benefit to Banchory or its existing residents. In fact this development would detract from the beauty of the town and stretch its amenities and infrastructure to breaking point.

I whole heartedly object to this proposal.