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To: LDP
Subject: MIR Consultation Response

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the Local Development Plan which was discussed at the Church Hall in Inch on Monday 18th March and wish to submit a comment.

[REDACTED] and I have lived in Durno for 27 years and during that time a significant number of new houses (relative to the size and infrastructure of the local community) have been built in Durno and in surrounding local villages such as Meikle Wartle and Kirkton of Rayne.

The housebuilding and the resultant additional cars on our local narrow roads have only had a negative impact on the quality of life of villagers who have made their homes here:

- Increased traffic volumes and traffic noise.
- Some poor and fast driving through the villages, especially from people driving through the village. This has caused some near misses to drivers, walkers, dog walkers and horse riders. There have been several accidents at the Whiteford crossroads and on the road between Whiteford and Durno. Unfortunately there are no pavements in Durno and no traffic calming measures to slow down traffic going through our villages.
- Some houses which have been in situ for a few years are not selling, e.g. in Durno, Meikle Wartle and Chapel of Garioch. The building of new houses in the area around Inverurie 'crowds out' the market for the existing houses – a 20/ 30 year old house loses value compared to a brand new house supplied with all mod cons and with sales incentives from the big housebuilders. This has distorted the local housing market to the detriment of the longer established residents, some of whom are elderly and will be looking to downsize at some point.
- In Durno itself we have a flooding issue due to land being low lying with poor drainage. More house building takes away soakaway land and exacerbates the issue.

I note that in Durno there is a bid site with 8 dwellings but that it is 'Not Preferred' which we are grateful for.

It is my view that for the reasons above the Council should NOT allow any further houses to be built in Durno, and should consider scaling right back the houses being built in rural areas like Old Rayne and Insch.

We would also be grateful for traffic calming measures in Durno.

Yours faithfully,

