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|  | Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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**Your comments**

We are writing this letter with reference to the Development Plan in Banchory.

Our particular interest is in proposals (MRO56, MRO40, and MRO41).

Our views have been categorised into three broad areas ① Local Amenities ② Safety; and ③ Environmental Factors.

**Local Amenities**

Housing stock in Banchory has grown rapidly over the last twenty years we have lived in the town. Unfortunately local amenities have failed to grow and develop at the same rate. The facilities for the senior school have been poor for a long time but the council has stated there are no immediate plans for a new school. Health facilities are at breaking point and inadequate for the current population. Community facilities and local infrastructure (shops and transport) woefully poor.

With over a hundred houses on the ASPC website seeking buyers and many houses still to be developed & built from the 2009 LDP



## Your comments (continued)

we believe it would be irresponsible of the council to grant further sites for development.

### Safety

There are three sites which have been proposed for development around the Upper Arbeadie Area. The first is land to the East of the Upper Arbeadie dirt track (MRO56), the second is land to the West of the dirt track around our cottage at Tillynarb (MRO40) and the third is also to the West of the dirt track, South of Tillynarb and cuts across the Wood of Arbeadie. The Upper Arbeadie dirt track is the main access point for 9 houses. These houses do not have access to mains sewerage or gas and so rely on servicing by large trucks for oil, clearance of septic tanks and dustmen. This track has always been a very popular cut through from Upper Lochton to Banchory and more recently has become an access point for people in the recent Bancor Development of 27 houses which completed a few years ago. It has seen a significant increase in foot traffic

from school children, dog walkers, cyclists and other people more generally using Corsee Woods. The dirt track is a narrow single lane with very limited pull-ins for passing. Dog walkers have to step into bushes when cars pass. This can cause huge problems in the winter months as the track is not adopted by the council and thus not gritted. The track is already a safety concern for residents and those using it and frankly, it is an accident waiting to happen. Anything which increases the foot traffic in this general area will be a disaster and would be an unacceptable increase in the risk for all residents and other users.

Environmental Factors

The rural setting between Arbeadie Road and Upper Lochton is an extremely popular area. There are a number of walks, cycle tracks and dog walking routes which make it a pleasant setting. We have personally seen red squirrels on the track, deer, bats, owls and a whole host of other fauna. This is a rural setting and should not be spoilt for the sake of unnecessary houses. These special locations are what attract people like us to live in Banchory for twenty years and what attracts new residents and

visitors to this area. Please don't allow it to be ruined.

We appreciate your support to ensure these views, which we know are shared by other residents, are represented at future meetings and taken into account.

Best Regards,

