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

MR080 Site 4, A93, Banchory. Proposed site for health centre.

This is a currently a playing field which has play equipment at the far end and a marked football pitch. Both are regularly used. The latter by all ages. To take this land out of recreational use would be detrimental to the community. With the increase in family houses being constructed public recreational land which is for use by all ages for physical activity is of importance. With the emphasis on healthy living and activity it seems incongruous that the council wishes to remove a well-used public playing field to construct a health centre.

The current health centre is ideally located in the town centre being adjacent to a public car park and also on a regular bus route and nearby taxi rank. It is also ideally located beside the Bellfield Home. Its central location means that those visiting the health centre are within easy walking distance of two dispensing chemists, a cooperative shop, post office and several other shops. All of which may be visited along with a trip to the medical centre.

I am aware that the current health centre is no longer viewed as being adequate but by locating opposite Morrison's supermarket it would add congestion to what is already a very busy junction. Traffic measures would have to be put in place as one can already wait for a considerable period appropriate time to pull out from Morrison car park.

I notice that an attempt is being made to redevelop the small rose garden beside the doctor's surgery and the small white building thereby is being used as a base. May I suggest the current medical centre be redeveloped and incorporate this area of land and building. Thereby retaining the centre of Banchory as a destination. At present there are 10 empty commercial properties within the High Street area of Banchory. Moving the medical centre would add to the downward spiral of the High Street and surrounding area.

MR053 100 homes.

This site I note is currently designated for potential educational facilities as a possible site for a new academy. In spite of the growth of Banchory with family homes a new Academy does not seem to be on the agenda. The area of woodland which this refers was originally planted as a "cash group" but nature has gradually over the years taken it back as its own. I wish any potential developer could visit the woods early morning and just listen. It is full of bird song, drumming of woodpeckers, red squirrels scrambling through the trees and deer hurrying beyond. Even the evening bats and badgers occupy. There are shoots of bluebells beginning to show which will swath the floor in blue. Bull rushes are growing in the dykes and there is a myriad of mosses and fungi throughout the woods.

All of the above is very evocative but hopefully provides evidence of why these woods are such a vital educational and recreational area. It is impossible to walk through this area without meeting people from every age group. Young families frequently walk to the woods to visit and watch nature in action on their doorstep. Dog walkers use the woods to walk their pet in a safe environment away from roads. Scolty Woods is the same resource but for most necessitates a car journey and so adds to the carbon footprint.

I notice that should the academy not be built which rumour has is no longer required a 100 homes will be built in its stead. With the loss of this woodland Banchory will begin to resemble Westhill, Kingswells and Portlethen with little open spaces. The beauty of Banchory is its open spaces available for use by all. Already this area of Banchory is being refereed locally as Hill of Banchory implying it has its own identity as if is not part of the community of Banchory.

I have also be made aware that Bancon has consulted the residents of Larch Tree Road and Alder Tree Road with the proposal of a new distributor road behind them. This is not on the original plan and appears to be totally unnecessary given that there is already a parallel road in position. I believe that planning permission has yet to be sought or perhaps planning will not be necessary?

Residing in Forestside Road I used to have red squirrels and occasionally birds of prey visit my garden, and deer could be observed close. Now the road name Forestside is an anathema as since the extensive construction behind us the forest has long gone with it the wildlife habitat. I am concerned that what little habitation is left will disappear with any further construction.