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Main Issues Report

Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan

Strategic Environmental Assessment Interim Environmental Assessment

Other

Your comments

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Your comments (continued)

COMMENTS.

SITE MR 053

As a former Secondary Head Teacher and grandfather of a pupil currently attending Banchory Academy, I would wish to comment on the recent proposal of a building company to build 100 homes on the site MR 053. This site was identified in 2012 for a new Banchory Academy in the 2012 Local Development Plan and again in the 2017 Community Action Plan. More houses on this site with no new academy would mean more children attending an already overcrowded and inadequate building. Banchory Academy was rated joint bottom academy in the 2014 Aberdeenshire Condition and Suitability Report submitted to the Scottish Government. I feel strongly that Aberdeenshire Council must retain site MR 053 for a future new Banchory Academy. The Council has a good record in providing excellent new academies at Alford, Ellon, Inverurie and Peterhead but surely any inspection would demonstrate the overpowering case for a new academy for Banchory pupils and Staff.

The buildings are well past their suitability and are no longer fit for purpose for the needs of a modern academy. The canteen can only cater for a minority of pupils which means pupils must trek to the town centre for snacks or meals. Many of the building problems are due to the age and lack of maintenance in the buildings. The corridors are narrow which leads to overcrowding; the toilets are inadequate for the numbers of pupils and the heating is patchy throughout the numerous outbuildings. The playing fields are remote from the main building and do not provide adequate facilities needed for a modern PE curriculum.

It is a tribute to the hard-working staff and the pupils and their parents that Banchory Academy continues to be among the top performing schools in the country but must do so in buildings and facilities which are long past their sell-buy date.

Therefore I believe that it is imperative that the site MR 053 identified for the new academy is retained for that purpose only and that any attempt

by builders to acquire the site must be strongly opposed and hopefully the Council will be able to plan for a new Banchory Academy on this site as soon as possible which will be worthy of this excellent school.

