

as MR053 or MR038 which can be accessed in particular by younger primary children that may not have the stamina to walk to Crathes. The narrow strips in Hill of Banchory are not a great outdoor learning resource due to the volume of dog faeces and also issues with people dumping garden waste over their fences or planting out with their ownership boundaries.

### **General comments in relation to main issues report**

- See paragraph above regarding outdoor learning which is pertinent across Aberdeenshire.
- Hill track development requires to be regulated more to prevent the uncontrolled expansion of tracks particularly on intensively managed moors
- The coastline needs to keep a special level of protection in addition to normal landscape and biodiversity regulations.
- Main issue 16 – I agree with the need for a compulsion for climate change mitigation
- Main issue 2 – the inclusion of detailed local plans is crucial to forward planning.
- Greenspace in expanding towns is a crucial issue. It is key to health and wellbeing as well as allowing for a connection to nature. We need to maintain those opportunities ahead of mindless housing expansion.
- It flummoxes me as to how there is continuing demand to build family houses when there are family houses on my street which cannot sell. House builders are providing incentives to buy and continuing to build when there is not the demand for the houses they are building. We need more small, downsizing, bungalow or flatted accommodation for an aging population. Not more “luxury” 4/5 bedroom family houses.