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Subject: FW: Proposed Development Complaint

Please accept this email as an official complaint regarding the "Proposed Development Site" H-BR2 and H-BR5 in the village of Breich.

All surrounding houses to both of these sites will be severely and negatively affected by any such development and I wish to bring to your attention a number of concerning facts.

When homeowners purchased self-build plots from the farmer, Mr David Todd, there was no mention of any such future developments taking place on the land under review. If there was, then I'm sure this would have impacted the decision process and even the price of plots. Blinkbonny Gardens has been a disaster from start to finish (whenever that may be) and is still not complete after 12 years.

I'm concerned about the privacy and intrusion any such development will have on houses backing on to this site directly from Blinkbonny Gardens and also from the A71. If two storey houses were built on this site, then there would be privacy violations directly into every property.

More so, the access to this site is via Woodmuir Road is completely unacceptable for any additional traffic. This access road has had much criticism due to the amount of vehicles using it. Please refer to the planning applications H-BR3 and 0203/FUL/15 for further details and objections on this road by the residents of Breich.

According to the farmer, he knows absolutely nothing of H-BR 2 being proposed for development as this is his land. The council do not own this land and as recently as October 2015, the farmer has verbally confirmed that there is no intention of selling this land to the council or developing it. How can WLC propose land for development which is owned by the farmer?

The valuation of surrounding houses on A71 and Blinkbonny Gardens will decrease by such a development – do the council have any comments to make on this?

There is no infrastructure in the village of Breich to support additional housing. There are no facilities in the village and it is simply not a candidate for additional housing. No shops, minimum public transport and no appetite from existing residents to expand the village in this dense area – there are other areas of the village more suitable for such expansion.

There has been a failure to notify all residents of this proposed development site and I'm concerned that having spoken to a number of neighbours they have not received any notification from the council.

The existing site of Blinkbonny Gardens is supposed to have an adequate tree belt surrounding it to help with flooding and privacy issues – how can H-BR2 be proposed when this would conflict with such a tree belt?

I suggest the council should inform all residents of the village regarding this proposal and have an appropriate meeting at the earliest possible convenience to properly gauge the negative feelings and views of any new developments.

Please reply via email.

Regards,

James

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