

WLC REF: MIRQ0161

Dear Sir/Madam,

My comments are in reference to the sites EOI-0040 at Easter Breich farm and EOI-0038 South of Seafield.

As a resident of [REDACTED] (opposite the proposed site of development) I am concerned that housing in these fields will impact the surrounding natural environment established over the past two decades by the Central Scotland Forest Trust. This would be in opposition to the outlined policy 3.186 in Main Issue report which states that the council will support the work of this organisation.

The woodland that surrounds the fields listed provides a habitat for a rich diversity of wildlife in the area, including badgers, bats, kingfishers, otters and deer to name a few and they would certainly be negatively affected by a large development of houses. This would contradict the council policy 3.193 which aims to protect important habitats for such animals, birds and insects. I feel it is important to preserve these areas of green space and keep the environmental impact low where wildlife thrives.

The pathways and bridleways at Easter Breich also provide open spaces for dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders from local riding schools, bringing the benefits of good mental health for those who enjoy peace and quiet in recreation and being surrounded by the natural world without noise, light or visual pollution.

MIR statement 3.180 also points out that the council will control sporadic development in the countryside and this is relevant to the undeveloped area listed which has a handful of houses and converted farm steadings. Development of this area would not be connected to an established town in contrast to other sites of interest. There are no infrastructures to support this amount of houses at the moment, in term of roads, sewage systems and gas supplies.

This land is in close proximity to the Five Sisters with the impact of underground mining having unknown affects to both land stability and water courses.

I also feel it is important to preserve the agricultural use of this area maintaining the landscape of the countryside around large towns (3.172 supports this view)

Please consider these points when you review the future sites for development.

Yours faithfully,

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