REPORT OF HANDLING

Ref No:	10/00051/APP	Officer:	Maurice Booth
Proposal Description/ Address	Erect traditionally designed dwellinghouse and associated works at Hardmuir View Easter Hardmuir Auldearn Moray		
Date:	9.12.2010	Typist Initials:	PAC

RECOMMENDATION		
Approve, without or with o	condition(s) listed below	
Refuse, subject to reason(s) listed below		x
Legal Agreement required e.g. S,75		
Notification to Scottish Ministers/Historic Scotland		
Departure		
Hearing requirements	Pre-determination	

CONSULTATIONS			
Consultee	Date Returned	Summary of Response	
Environmental Health Manager	01/09/10	No objection	
Contaminated Land	15/03/10		
Environmental Protection Manager			
Scottish Water	12/03/10	No objection	
Transportation Manager	22/09/10	Objection removed following discussions (initiated by the agent)	
National Roads Directorate	23/03/10	No objection	
BEAR Scotland Limited			

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY			
Policies	Dep	Any Comments (or refer to Observations below)	
Policy 1(e)			
H8: New Housing in Open Countryside			
EP9: Contaminated Land			
IMP1: Development Requirements			
EP10: Foul Drainage			
T2: Provision of Road Access			
T5: Parking Standards			

REPRESENTATIONS		
Representations Received	YES	

Total number of represe	ntations received
Names/Addresses of pa	rties submitting representations
Name	Address
Jean M Downie	Sylvan House Nairnshire IV12 5JZ
W Downie	Ellands Farm Brodie Forres Moray IV36 2TE
Summary and Assessm	ent of main issues raised by representations

Issue: Reference to procedure not being followed in relation to neighbouring property.

Comments (PO): The procedure appears in accordance with the relevant planning definition of neighbouring and this does not impinge on the merits of the application.

Issue: Clarification sought on : Access arrangements from the public road, visibility, provision of water services and electricity supply, landscaping and positioning

Comment : These matters are adequately presented in the application, and visibility/ access problems have been resolved following discussions between the applicant and the agent. The proposals are not considered acceptable owing to prominence – see below.

OBSERVATIONS – ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL

The proposal site is prominently visible from the flat countryside surrounding and from the adjoining unclassified public road. There is no effective backdrop and a house on the site would not integrate in the setting and would be overtly prominent.

Any approval would serve to encourage further such unsympathetic development.

The one-and-a-half storey scale and form of house proposed would add to the intrusive impact of the proposed development.

On this basis policies H8 and IMP1 would be breached.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

There are no other material considerations that would alter this assessment.

HISTORY	
Reference No.	Description

Decision Da	Date Of Decision
-------------	------------------

ADVERT			
Advert Fee paid?	Yes		
Local Newspaper	Reason for Advert	Date of expiry	
Forres Gazette	No Premises	06/04/10	
DEVELOPER CONTRIBU	JTIONS (PGU)		
Status			

DOCUMENTS, ASSESSMENTS etc. * * Includes Environmental Statement, Appropriate Assessment, Design Statement, Design and Access Statement, RIA, TA, NIA, FRA etc			
Supporting information submitted with application?		NO	
Summary of main issues raised in each statement/assessment/report			
Document Name:			
Main Issues:			

S.75 AGREEMENT	
Application subject to S.75 Agreement	NO
Summary of terms of agreement:	
Location where terms or summary of terms can be inspected:	

DIRECTION(S) MADE BY SCOTTISH MINISTERS (under DMR2008 Regs)		
Section 30	Relating to EIA	NO
Section 31	Requiring planning authority to provide information and restrict grant of planning permission	NO
Section 32	Requiring planning authority to consider the imposition of planning conditions	NO
Summary of Direction(s)		