

Mr Westmacott,

Re. Notice of Review - 14/00152/APP

Thank you for your letter dated 30 Jul 14 and opportunity to comment further on planning application 14/00152/APP. I agree and support the decision of the Moray Council and would wish to add the following comments for consideration by the Moray Local Review Body.

*The proposal would be contrary to policies H8 (and Supplementary Guidance) and IMP1 for the following reasons :*

*(i) The site is in an area of open landscape and as an addition to the existing consents and newly completed houses in the vicinity there would be a detrimental impact on the rural characteristics of the landscape, and the proposal would contribute to an urbanisation of the setting.*

I agree with Moray Council's assessment of the above application. The site is within mature woodland which already contains existing consents and newly completed houses. As a result, mature woodland has already been removed and cleared from the vicinity in order to prepare for the development of those sites. Thus, I support the assessment of Moray Council in that this further application would lead to the loss of more woodland and have a detrimental impact on the rural characteristics of the landscape. I also support the assessment of Moray Council that the proposal would contribute to the urbanisation of the setting – with the setting, in my opinion, being both the immediate area of the Site and the neighbouring landscape/woodland which already contains existing consents and newly completed houses. The proposed development would add to a growing area of urban houses and gardens which were previously part of the rural landscape and open countryside. This is in contrast to, and significantly different from, the cluster of dwellings within the neighbouring Mid Buthill development which has been wholly contained within the boundaries of some old farm buildings – as opposed to larger open areas of land within mature woodland.

*(ii) Further such development would be encouraged.*

I support the assessment of the Moray Council. Approval of this application may provide further encouragement to the submission of further applications within the vicinity of the site.

I would be grateful for the Moray Local Review Body to uphold the decision of the Planning Department on this occasion.

Yours,

A J Campbell