

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: HP_R2 - 001973
Date: 28 January 2019 12:03:40

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

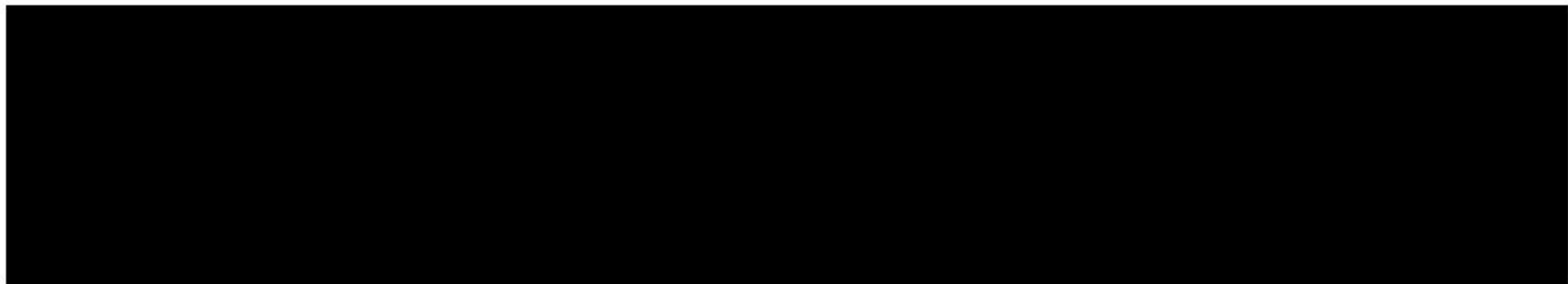
Your Details

Title: **Mr**

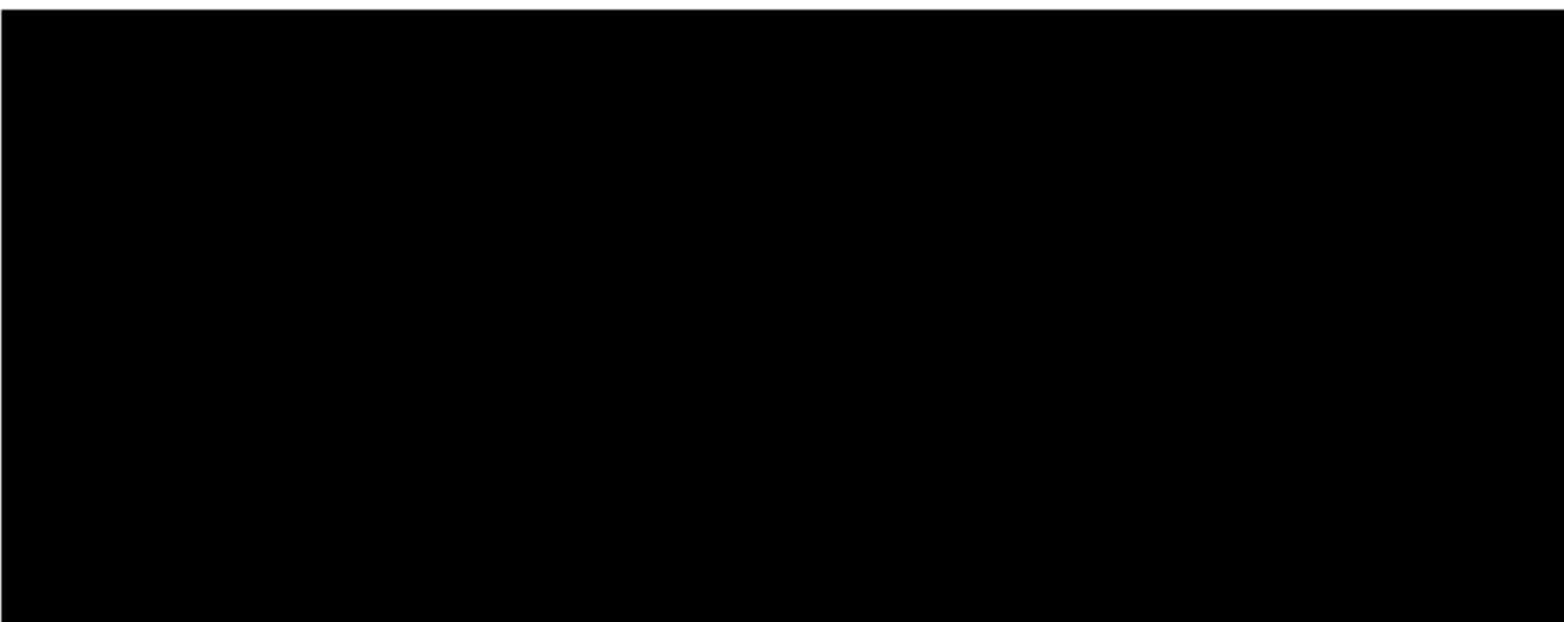
Forename(s): **Anthony**

Surname: **Gabb**

Your Address

A large black rectangular box redacting the address information.

Contact Details

A large black rectangular box redacting the contact details.

Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **No**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Hopeman**

Site reference: **Hopeman - R2**

Site name: **R2 Hopeman Golf Club**

Comments: **I am concerned about this development as it extends the boundary of Hopeman further East. The village has already extended eastwards up to the golf club, which forms a natural boundary. Allowing it to extend into the grounds of the golf club seems entirely unnecessary given that there is considerable development planned to extend the village Southwards across the B9040. As I understand it there is to be a significant housing development in this area south of the B9040 involving the construction of over 100 houses and associated infrastructure. Groundworks are already taking place. Please do not allow the village to sprawl further eastwards as well.**

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: KN_R2 - 002009
Date: 15 February 2019 08:44:00

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

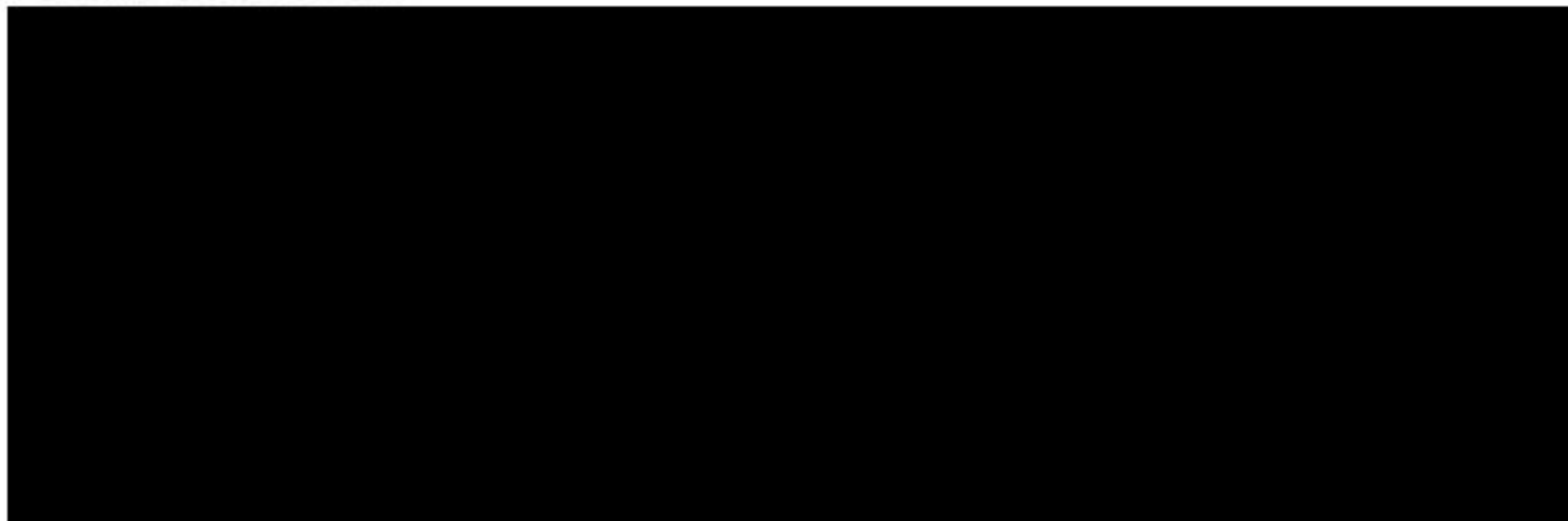
Your Details

Title:

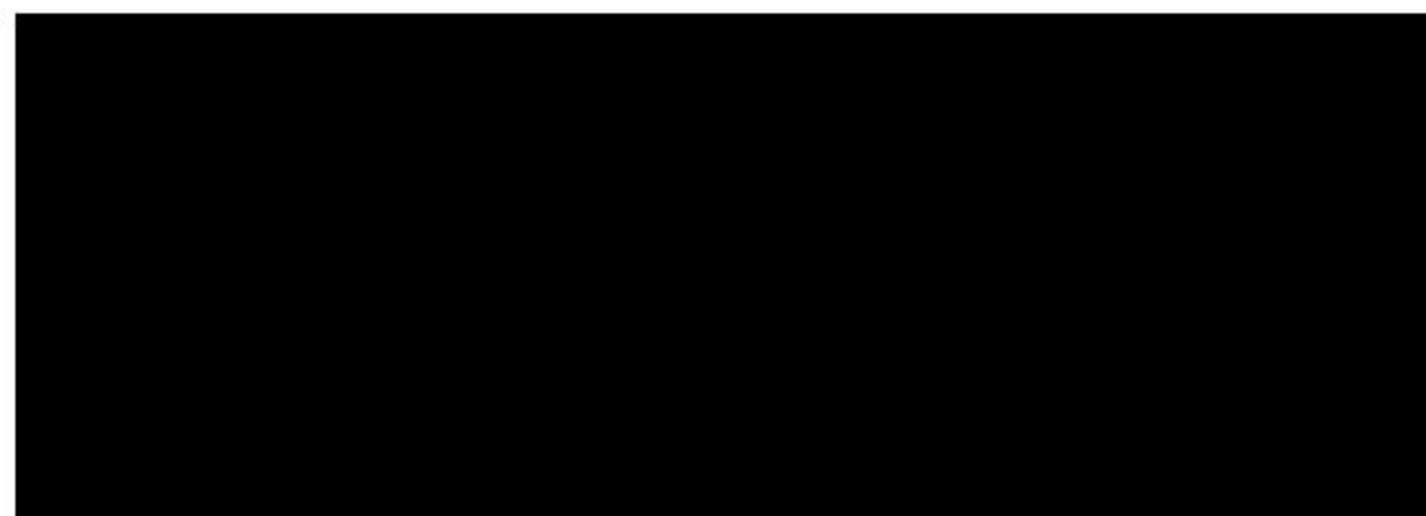
Forename(s): **Steven**

Surname: **Gasgarth**

Your Address

A large black rectangular box redacting the address information.

Contact Details

A large black rectangular box redacting the contact details information.

Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **No**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Kinloss**

Site reference: **OPP2**

Site name: **Land at former Abbeylands School**

Comments: I notice this is a big development using a lot of land. As far as I am aware Morayvia have not confirmed how much they are already going to contribute to the repairs and upkeep of North Road. There has already been significant traffic using North Road only for Morayvia, including of course all the heavy loads delivering planes and parts etc there. This is a private estate and we pay for the roads. As we pay for one household, and have 1-2 cars per house, Morayvia should pay based on the number of cars coming to their site - which will be a significantly large amount of money. Please send me the details of how much Morayvia has or will pay - first for the time it has already been there and been using North Road, and also an annual plan for how much they will contribute. I do not particularly want an aircraft museum next to my house, and I definitely do not want it if they are not paying their share to the upkeep of the roads and estate. In addition, could you send me the traffic study that has been carried out as part of this planning application, to measure the amount of traffic using North Road to get to Morayvia over the last 12 months' I look forward to getting all this information, and I object to this application until I have read and am satisfied that the points I raised are taken care of to my satisfaction. Steven Gasgarth

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: EL_OPP11 - 002087
Date: 26 February 2019 08:05:30

I object to the sell off of the walled gardens.
I can't see why Moray Council would jeopardise this local attraction.
It is beyond belief that moray college will lose a popular course and students wishing to study horticulture should have to relocate to the Central belt or Argyll.
I hope this can be resolved.

Una Gault
Elgin

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: EL_OPP11 - 002047
Date: 22 February 2019 09:32:24

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

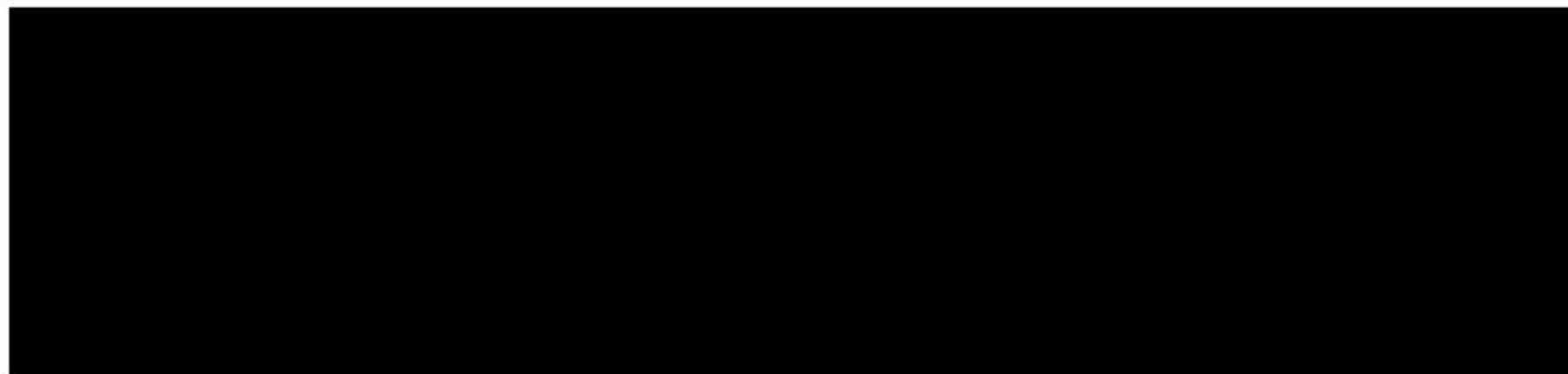
Your Details

Title: **Mrs**

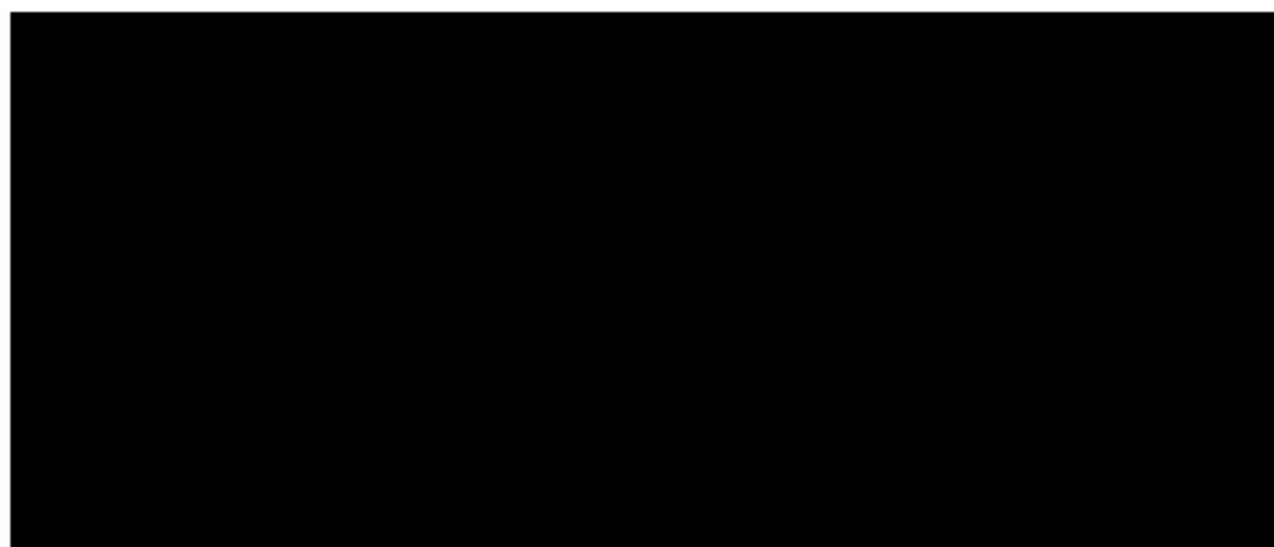
Forename(s): **Cindy**

Surname: **Gee**

Your Address



Contact Details



Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **Yes**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Elgin Central, Moray**

Site reference: **OPP11**

Site name: **Walled Garden**

Comments: **This is a ludicrous plan that feels like no thought has been given and even worse on the say so of an officer who is threatening to turn it to grass anyway. To suggest putting a hotel there is quite frankly bonkers. Apart from there being nothing in Elgin to attract anyone anymore, our town centre is gone, now on to cooper park !! Bad management, bad planning, bad council !! Where is all the money from Government going ' who is accountable for the catastrophic decisions being made in Moray '**

Policy Objection

Policy: **DP8 Tourism Facilities and Accommodation**

Comments: **Hotel in place of Biblical Gardens. Absolute disgrace to even suggest it... What about the other building next to the library ' surely there are other options.**

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.



I support the Local Development Plan 2020.
Making specific reference to supporting the Hopeman plan.

25

Name	Contact Details
Alex Cook	
Iris Cook	
MURRAY EASTON	
JIM EASTON	
Gianna Jenkins	
Ken Jenkins	
Aspen Gillies	
Gianna Gillies	
Blair Gillies	
Sandie Campbell	
DAVID MORTIMER	
ZARA MORTIMER	
Louise Whitten	
Martin South	
Angus South	
Laura Ralph	
Allan Ralph	
Michelle M'Pherson	
Scott M'Pherson	
Leighanne Hepburn	
Allan Hepburn	
Fraser Hepburn	
Keira Hepburn	
Erin Hepburn	
Ross Bowman	



I support the Local Development Plan 2020.
Making specific reference to supporting the Hopeman plan.

(25)

2

Name	Contact Details
APRIL CHARLES WORTH	
DES GILLIES	
LINDA GILLIES	
MARIAN CONTI	
COLIN CONTI	
JAMES BRENNER	
ROBERT HACKETT	
Heather Mitchell	
COLIN M'GRATH	
BRENDAN M'GRATH	
SUSANNE TAYLOR	
CLARE DAVIE	
ANN KELMAN	
Elizabeth Baird	
MARGARET TAYLOR	
DOUGLAS TAYLOR	
Bil Angus	
Grace Angus	
John Fletcher	
MORAG CAMPBELL	
ISRAEL MORE	
Margaret H. Gammie	
LYNNE DUNCAN	
WILLIAM DUNCAN	
ABBIE DUNCAN	



I support the Local Development Plan 2020.
Making specific reference to supporting the Hopeman plan.

25

3

Name	Contact Details
DEE POVOAS	
RACHEL READ	
NEL READ	
HELEN HAM	
BARRY HAY	
KAY BEVANS BROWN	
STEVE BROWN	
FERGUS BROWN	
DOUGLAS THOMSON	
ISOBEL BROWN	
Jennifer Middleton	
DAWN MCMONAGUE	
Andy Middleton	
Mary MacDon	
S. Mac	
Innes	
KRCS	
J. B. Payne	
Dr Sutherland	
A. Riddoch	
JODIE DUNCAN	
FINN DUNCAN	
John Dodd	
Catherine Fair	
Margaret Young	



I support the Local Development Plan 2020.
Making specific reference to supporting the Hopeman plan.

(25)

Name	Contact Details
STELLA NOLAN	
IAIN CAMPBELL	
MAREI MCALLUM	
KENI McDONALD	
H ^D Wilson	
Harry Wilson	
Anna Lees	
Jon Lees	
Lindsay Nelson	
Darin Nelson	
LIZ CAWAYE	
RICHARD CAWAYE	
LYNDA HERON	
Kath. Simpkins	
ADAM CSENKI	
Phoebe Csenki	
Janice Craib	
Paul Craib.	
David Craib	
Alexander Craib	
Jessica Robertson	
Neil R Neil R	
Bella Robertson	
Karen Cook	
Roy Cook	



I support the Local Development Plan 2020.
Making specific reference to supporting the Hopeman plan.

25

Name	Contact Details
Carmen Gillies	
DAVID GILLIES	
COLIN LAMOND	
PAULINE LAMOND	
CRAIG LAMOND	
KATHLEEN LAMOND	
WESLEY McPHERSON	
Pat Mackey	
DAVID MACKAY	
Francis Mitchell	
Wendy Mackenzie	
Elis	
at home	
J Mackay	
Arena Bannan	
Mary Gillies	
Bob Stevenson	
Michael Cooper	
Theresa Cooper	
Drew Parks	
Fiona Parks	
Abigail Parks	
KELLY ERKER	
DAVID ERKER	
RILEY ERKER	



I support the Local Development Plan 2020.
Making specific reference to supporting the Hopeman plan.

6
25

Name	Contact Details
Hollie Mclean	
M. Bourghin	
V Booy	
Anthony	
Spencer	
Lisanne Smead	
Karen Jack	
Abel Store	
M. Paterson	
Anna Gray	
Lara Beach	
Ian Galt	
Helen Hay	
Pearl Hay	
Jamie Hay	
Ryan Fiske	
Claire Davies	
JA SUTHERLAND	
Ivor Mackenzie	
L. GORDON	
Moana	
D.G. Jackson	
John Campbell	
JAMES Redgrove	
James Harris	
Jeff Harper	

PLEASE RETURN TO APRIL OR BARMEN.

PTO+

↓
School House
In voyage Rd.

BY SUNDAY
EVENING



From: [Eric Gillies](#)
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: RO_R1 - 002206
Date: 15 March 2019 11:15:49

Dear Local Development Plan Team,
I would like to object to the inclusion of the Rothes R1 Spey Street zone in the Local Development Plan. My name is Eric Gillies and I am a local resident at [REDACTED] which borders the proposed R1 zone.

My objections are as follows:

I object to the R1 Spey Street Rothes zone being included in the Moray Council Local Development Plan. The reasons for my objections are as follows:

1) Environmental objections

a. Planning policy in PVA: Rothes is a SEPA Potentially Vulnerable Area (05/09) at Medium to High Risk of flooding from the Burn of Rothes. I object to the proposed inclusion of R1 Spey Street Development zone because it is contrary to the LDP and FRMS Scottish Planning Policy and Advice, which states that new development in areas of Medium to High Likelihood of flooding should be avoided.

b. Increase in Flood Risk to Property/Local District Plan: Current SEPA flood mapping indicates that the R1 Spey Street development zone is within the natural 1 in 200 year + floodplain & alluvial sediment deposition zone of the Burn of Rothes. The Local District Plan for managing flooding is to avoid an overall increase to properties at risk. Currently the R1 zone lies in an area identified by SEPA as having 501-1000 inhabitants at risk, one of the highest at risk communities in Moray. More houses built within this functional floodplain will equate to even more risk, despite the existence of a flood protection scheme. I therefore object the R1 development because it directly puts new properties in an existing flood risk zone and, as a result of increased runoff and loss of floodplain storage from development, potentially puts existing adjacent properties at increased risk.

c. Flood Protection Scheme inadequacy: The current Rothes Flood Protection Scheme was constructed based on 2009 estimates of peak flows and designed for the 1 in 100 year plus climate change event. In Scotland, new development should not be at flood risk below the 1 in 200 year plus climate change event, based on the latest (e.g. 2013 or later) peak flow estimates and climate change (UKCP09) uplift estimates. For the Spey catchment, climate uplift is currently predicted to be 24%. Therefore the required standard of protection of the Rothes Flood Scheme would likely have to be increased for the R1 development to take place. I object to the R1 development because the required flood scheme upgrade, consisting of embankments and flood walls adjacent to the channel would have a negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status of the Burn of Rothes and the River Spey.

d. Hydromorphology: Current mapping shows that the R1 development lies on the natural floodplain and alluvial sediment deposition zone of the Burn of Rothes. This burn has a particularly high sediment supply (fines and gravels) from soils left by the Rothes Glacial Lake. The current 1 in 100 year protection afforded to the Burn of Rothes consists of flood walls. If the current (2009) 1 in 100 year flood protection to the R1 development zone is upgraded to modern 200 year plus climate change + freeboard levels, then this will have a direct un-natural effect on the hydromorphology of the Burn of Rothes and, in-turn, a direct hydromorphic effect on the River Spey immediately downstream, more likely to deposit fines and slugs of sediment to a reach of the Spey currently geomorphically active. I therefore object to the R1 development in that to protect it from flood risk may directly affect the natural hydromorphology of the Burn of Rothes and the River Spey.

e. Potential effect on aquatic habitat: The R1 development, if protected by a larger/upgraded flood protection scheme, will change the

sedimentation and sediment transport into the Spey from the Burn of Rothes. This has the potential to introduce more fines into the Spey, this directly affecting (negatively) Atlantic Salmon and Trout habitat. I therefore object to the R1 development because any un-natural changes to the sediment in the Spey may have an adverse effect on important, at risk, fish species and their life-cycles.

f. Reduction in climate change resilience: Scottish Planning Policy states that new land use should aim provide increased resilience to climate change. The policy states that planning authorities have a responsibility to identify opportunities for the restoration and protection of natural features which help manage flood risk. The floodplain of the Burn of Rothes and River Spey, on which the R1 development zone lies, is just such a natural feature and should be maintained as such. I therefore object to the proposed inclusion of the R1 developments zone in the local plan as it degrades the floodplain.

g. Increased runoff: Even if the proposed development area is provided with a SUDS scheme it may generate increased runoff. The Rothes PVA does not (according to SEPA) have any significant potential for runoff reduction nearby. I object to the R1 development zone because it may directly increase surface water runoff in a Potentially Vulnerable Area.

h. Good environmental practice: The concept of placing a housing development within a functional floodplain or close to a waterbody is generally regarded internationally as bad practice, both regards flood risk and human impacts on the environment and fragile ecosystems. The Moray Council has an obligation to resist any developments with threaten the environment. I object to the proposed inclusion of the R1 development in the Moray Council Plan because it is both contrary to a resilient approach to flood risk and may affect fragile ecosystems in the riparian zone and in nearby important waterbodies.

i. For use as building land, the new development is to undertake a bespoke Flood Risk Assessment. This will require LiDAR to be flown for the area. Even if the FRA shows that the development is not at direct 1 in 200 year plus climate change flood risk (as a result of improved mapping and modelling) building on a natural floodplain and sediment deposition zone is not good practice both hydromorphically and in terms of future flood resilience to uncertain climate change. I object to the R1 development zone because it is an example of such bad practice.

j. Loss of rural habitat: The proposed R1 development area is used as barley farming land. The fields are currently used by many wild bird species (Field Fare, Yellowhammer, Siskin, Redpoll etc.) rodents, wild hares (which are seen boxing in the proposed development zone), badger and hedgehog. Bats flying over the area are also common. I object to the proposed R1 development zone because it will directly reduce habitat for many wild animal species.

2) Traffic issues:

a. The access to the proposed R1 development requires a right turn at the Rothes Social Club, Seafield Square, a turn which has been the site of cyclist accidents in frost/ice. I object to the proposed development because any increase in vehicular traffic along the access route may increase the potential for road accidents at this junction.

b. The access to the proposed R1 development is along Spey Street: many of the houses along this narrow road have only on-street parking (especially the property opposite Spey Drive). To allow a safe increase in vehicular traffic along this access route it is likely that Spey Street would have to be widened, causing the loss of gardens to properties along the street. This would significantly destroy the character of this quiet street and the properties along it. I therefore object to the R1 zone being included in the development plan because the road access is not suited to an increase in properties (especially for road safety and fire access) without further land take and reduction in the number and size of gardens in the area.

3) Loss of valuable farmland: The R1 development zone is on valuable farmland (currently farmed by Dalvey Farm). The fields are regularly planted and harvested for barley, as a feed for animals and other uses important for the economy and lifestyles in Speyside. I object to the

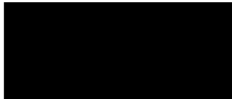
proposed R1 development because it reduces good quality farmland when the UK and Scotland is facing future food insecurity. I also object to the loss of valuable farmland as it directly affects the rural and semi-rural nature of Speyside, important both for the local agricultural community and industry, tourism and wildlife. I object to the proposed R1 development because it may make farming of other fields in the area uneconomic.

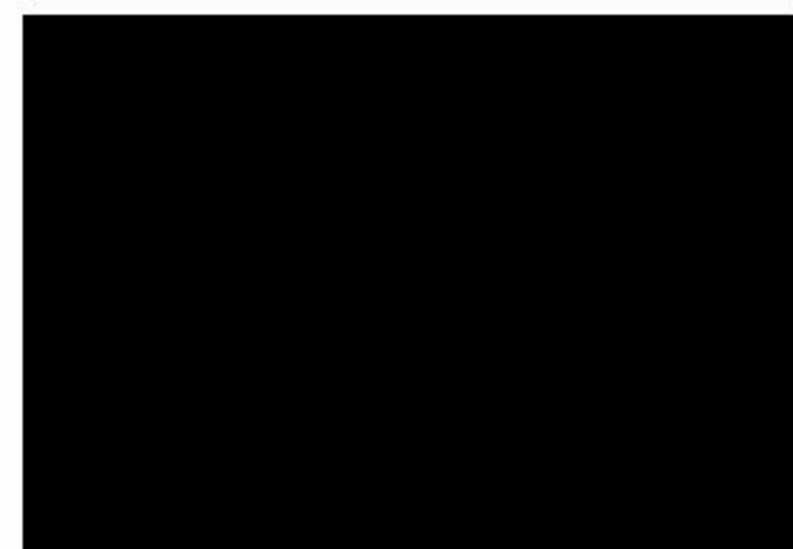
4) Public amenity loss: Many locals currently walk the tracks adjacent to these fields, either for keeping fit, stress reduction, communication with nature or dog-walking. The proposed R1 Spey Street development will significantly alter the character and reduce the attractiveness of these local walking routes, and other routes which are used to walk along the River Spey. I therefore object to the proposed inclusion of the R1 zone in the local development plan because it significantly reduces the public amenity value of this semi-rural/rural stretch of Rothes.

5) Potential loss of tourism: The fishing beats that border and lie close to the R1 development zone are some of the most popular on the Spey. I object to the proposed R1 development zone because it risks changing the character (through noise and light pollution, increased urban rubbish) of these sections of the Spey important for tourism.

6) Loss of view to neighbouring properties: I object the proposed R1 development zone because it will obscure the view of farmland, trees, the River Spey corridor and riparian zone, and Ben Aigan from properties along Spey Drive and Ben Aigan View. The properties along Spey Drive will be particularly adversely affected because these are low lying single story bungalows, closest to the proposed development zone. I also object to the loss of views of the night sky from the same locations as a result of light pollution from the proposed development zone. I object to the proposed R1 development zone because it will adversely affect the pleasant open nature of the back of Rothes.

Yours faithfully,
Dr Eric Gillies,





For Attention of Stuart Beveridge, Estates Manager

The Moray Council
High Street
Elgin, Moray
IV30 1BX

Response Form for Proposed Development R13 Hamilton Drive

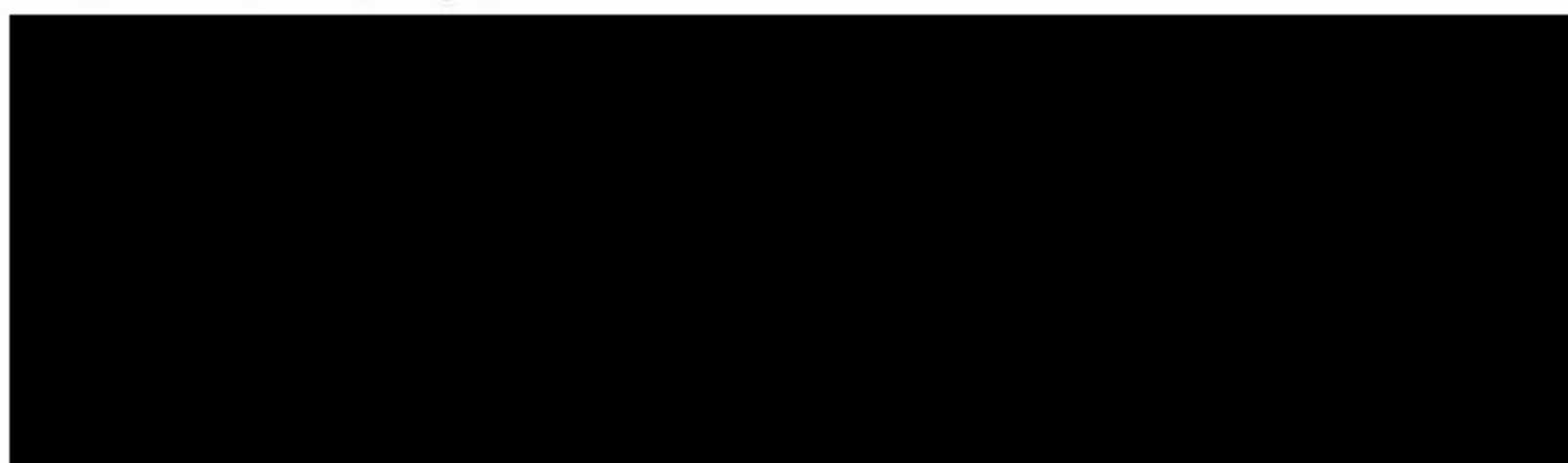
Please find attached Response Form for proposed Development R13 Hamilton Drive.

I have also enclosed copies of letters to Moray Council dated 24 January 2013 and 10 August 2006.

Please acknowledge receipt of Response Form.

Thank you

Yours sincerely





PROPOSED PLAN 2019 MORAY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020

RESPONSE FORM

Please use this form to submit your response to the Proposed Plan 2019.
The Council will consider your response to be a formal representation to the Proposed Plan and unresolved objections will be referred to an Examination conducted by a Scottish Government Reporter.

*Mandatory fields

YOUR DETAILS

AGENT DETAILS (if applicable)

Title		Forename		Surname	
Address					
Post code					
Email					
Telephone					



Your place, Your plan, Your future

Which section of the Proposed Plan does your comment relate to?

Volume*: Policies/Settlements/Rural Grouping/Delivery Programme/ Other (Delete as appropriate)

Heading *(e.g. Housing, Keith)

Page Number

Site/Policy Reference

Your comments

SEE ATTACHED

1. COMMENTS

2. COPY OF LETTER TO MORAY COUNCIL
24 JANUARY 2013

3. COPY OF LETTER TO MORAY COUNCIL
10 AUGUST 2006

Are you providing any supporting information?

Yes

No

If yes, please advise what this is, and attach to this form e.g. maps/plans, supporting documents.

All comments should be returned by 5:00pm on 15 March 2019

Post to: Local Development Plan Team, Development Services, Moray Council, Council Offices,
High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

Or email: localdevelopmentplan@moray.gov.uk

Or you can use our online form at www.moray.gov.uk/proposedplan2019



Your place, Your plan, Your future

Moray Local Development Plan 2020 – Response

Site Reference : Elgin R13 Hamilton Drive

Site Name : R13 Hamilton Drive

Site Description : Designation of Site for 20 Houses



Comments : Major Concern.

The method of breaking, dismantling and removing the existing concrete pad and other permanent foundations and access roads is our most serious issue of concern. The large concrete pad and parking area is extensive.

Work to remove the pad was abandoned a few years ago. This was because the heavy mechanical hammer and machinery being used to break the concrete was causing our house to shake and tremble. The house is only a few metres from the large concrete pad.

Cupboards were shaking and rainwater guttering was displaced on the east side of our house. When I told the workmen what was happening work stopped immediately. No further demolition work has been carried out.

I would like to be consulted and informed when demolition of the concrete pad will begin.

Comments : Others

My wife and I visited the recent Elgin Town Hall Exhibition. We found staff very helpful and informative.

We are not objecting to the development of the site and building of 20 homes as described in the plan.

Our home lies immediately to the west of the site on Hamilton Drive and the development will impact considerably on our privacy and amenity.

Final street access from Hamilton Drive to the site is indicative on the present plan as being close to our house and drive entrance. We would prefer it to be further east, at or near the present road access. The further east it goes makes the route to the CPU shorter and less invasive to the new development. It is a busy facility with traffic accessing 24 hours.

We are pleased that the Development Strategy retains the 19th century Victorian Moray Stone wall. Will the developer be required to carry out maintenance and where necessary restoration work to the wall? Any work on the wall should specify traditional materials and not cement.

The retention and future care and maintenance of the hedge along the west and south of the site is a concern. It is likely that removing the hedge would damage the wall as hedge roots will undermine the wall.

Retention of the hedge possibly with some reduction in size should be considered.

Moray Local Development Plan 2020 – Response

Site Reference : Elgin R13 Hamilton Drive

Site Name : R13 Hamilton Drive

Site Description : Designation of Site for 20 Houses



Comments : Major Concern.

The method of breaking, dismantling and removing the existing concrete pad and other permanent foundations and access roads is our most serious issue of concern. The large concrete pad and parking area is extensive.

Work to remove the pad was abandoned a few years ago. This was because the heavy mechanical hammer and machinery being used to break the concrete was causing our house to shake and tremble. The house is only a few metres from the large concrete pad.

Cupboards were shaking and rainwater guttering was displaced on the east side of our house. When I told the workmen what was happening work stopped immediately. No further demolition work has been carried out.

I would like to be consulted and informed when demolition of the concrete pad will begin.

Comments : Others

My wife and I visited the recent Elgin Town Hall Exhibition. We found staff very helpful and informative.

We are not objecting to the development of the site and building of 20 homes as described in the plan.

Our home lies immediately to the west of the site on Hamilton Drive and the development will impact considerably on our privacy and amenity.

Final street access from Hamilton Drive to the site is indicative on the present plan as being close to our house and drive entrance. We would prefer it to be further east, at or near the present road access. The further east it goes makes the route to the CPU shorter and less invasive to the new development. It is a busy facility with traffic accessing 24 hours.

We are pleased that the Development Strategy retains the 19th century Victorian Moray Stone wall. Will the developer be required to carry out maintenance and where necessary restoration work to the wall? Any work on the wall should specify traditional materials and not cement.

The retention and future care and maintenance of the hedge along the west and south of the site is a concern. It is likely that removing the hedge would damage the wall as hedge roots will undermine the wall.

Retention of the hedge possibly with some reduction in size should be considered.

The Moray Council
Development Control
Environmental Services Department
High Street
Elgin, Moray
IV30 1BX

Hamilton Drive Centre
Demolition of Foundations and Proposed Future Development

The Moray Council Offices next to my house at [REDACTED] have been vacated and the temporary buildings now dismantled and removed. Obviously my wife and I who own and occupy the house are keen to know future plans for the site and the effect it will have on our property.

Areas of interest and concern

- The demolition and removal of the concrete foundation base remaining from the Day Care Centre building removed in 2007
- Ownership of the land and proposed use and type of development proposed for the site
- Future of the boundary hedge currently well maintained by the Council and myself
- Ownership and repair and maintenance responsibility of the existing 19th century stone wall which surrounds much of the site and in particular the western edge of the site

A major concern lies in the method used to break up and remove what is left of the foundation and base of the demolished Day Care Centre close to our house. Part of the base was been removed and part of it left and used to site the temporary port-a-cabins. We were not at home when the demolition and removal work started but came back to find a very large power driven hammer being used to break up the foundations. It caused our house to shudder as if an earthquake was happening every few seconds, rattling crockery, ornaments and windows. We could actually feel the house shuddering. The workmen stopped as soon as I spoke to them but it is necessary that a contract to demolish and remove the remaining foundations stipulate no power driven hammers of this type are used. This is important in the event that we are not at home when the work starts and to ensure our property is not damaged.

Previous correspondence with The Moray Council suggests that the Hamilton Drive site will be sold for private housing development and states that new houses will be positioned to avoid overlooking or overshadowing adjoining properties both new and existing. I hope that any development will be required to adhere to this principle.

A previously issued Council document called **Option Appraisal and Development Plan** for the site provides a detailed list the woodlands, hedges and boundary shrubs to be retained. The list includes the boundary hedge planted when the Day Care Centre was first built to screen the adjacent properties. The hedge is tall, thick and dense and provides ideal shelter, screening and security. It is well maintained, looks good and fits well with the surroundings. I hope this recommendation still applies and that in discussion with any future development the hedge will be retained. I would welcome the opportunity to talk with whoever purchases the site before any decisions are taken to remove the hedge.

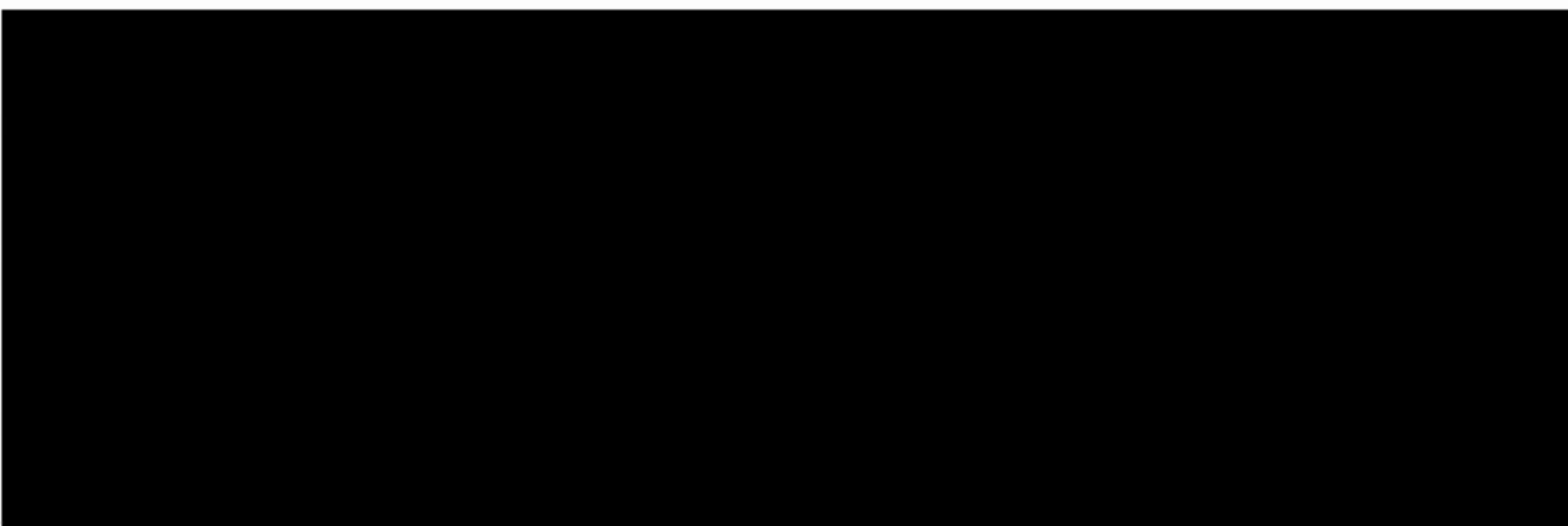
The existing 19th century boundary wall is the original wall built for the fever hospital recently demolished. I believe the wall belongs to The Moray Council and as such has been maintained by the Council when the wall has required remedial work due to age, vandalism and damage. I very much hope a development of the site will specify that the wall will be retained and that future ownership and care and maintenance responsibility of the wall be clearly defined, agreed and put in writing at the time the site is sold.

We have no objection and actually look forward to the development of the Hamilton Drive Site much of which has been derelict and unused for some time. Our concerns may seem trivial but are important to us as they would to any homeowner who faces change to their immediate environment.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Alex Gordon



The Moray Council
Development Control
Environmental Services Department
High Street
Elgin
Moray IV30 1BX

Hamilton Drive Centre
Proposed Demolition, Erection of Temporary Office Unit and Future Development

I refer to your Notice for Neighbour Notification of 4 August 2006 and comment as follows.

- We have no objection to the proposed demolition but would request that work is not carried out on Friday 22 September as we are holding a family member wedding ceremony and reception in the garden of our home in the property immediately adjacent to the demolition site. Please confirm this is acceptable to The Moray Council or your contractors or developers.
- We are concerned about The Moray Council proposal to use the site as a temporary office unit. I assume this will be in the form of port-a-cabins. Can you please provide us with information regarding the timescales for the period of temporary use and proposed timescales for the site being developed on a permanent basis.
- We have a letter dated December 2002 from The Moray Council regarding the redevelopment of the Hamilton Drive site. In the letter the Head of Estate Services indicated that the site would be sold for development. Please let us know who now has ownership of the site.
- We have a document in our possession OPTION APPRAISAL & DEVELOPMENT BRIEF for the Hamilton Drive Centre received in January 2003. Please let us know if this is the most current proposal for the site. If it has been updated or superseded please send us a copy or let us know how to obtain the most up to date information regarding future development of the site.
- The above mentioned OPTION APPRAISAL APPENDIX PLAN lists the woodland, hedges and boundary shrubs to be retained. This list includes the boundary hedge planted when the school was built. Because of its age and size it provides good security and privacy screening. Please confirm the hedge will be retained as part of the new development.

Looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Alex Gordon

Copies : Mr A Burgess, Councillor Bishopmill
RA Young, Solicitor, Grigor and Young

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: KK_SITEA - 001728
Date: 14 March 2019 19:51:25

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

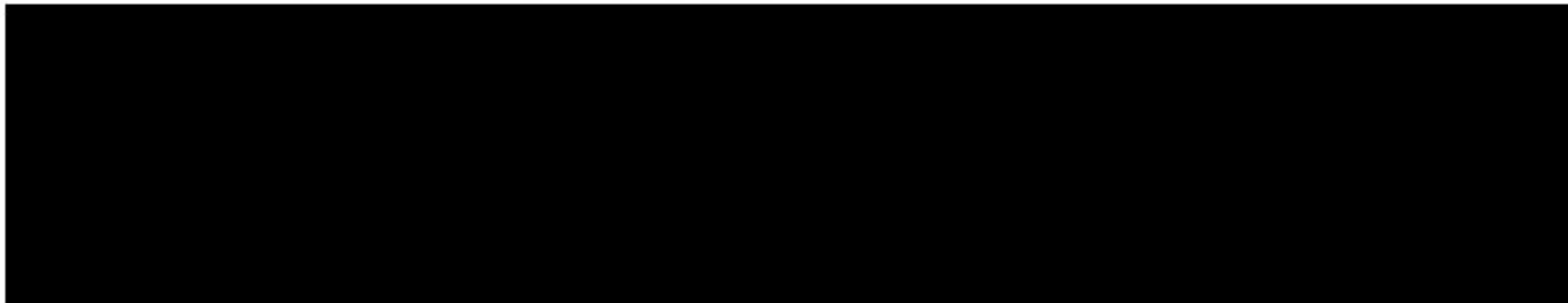
Your Details

Title: **Mr**

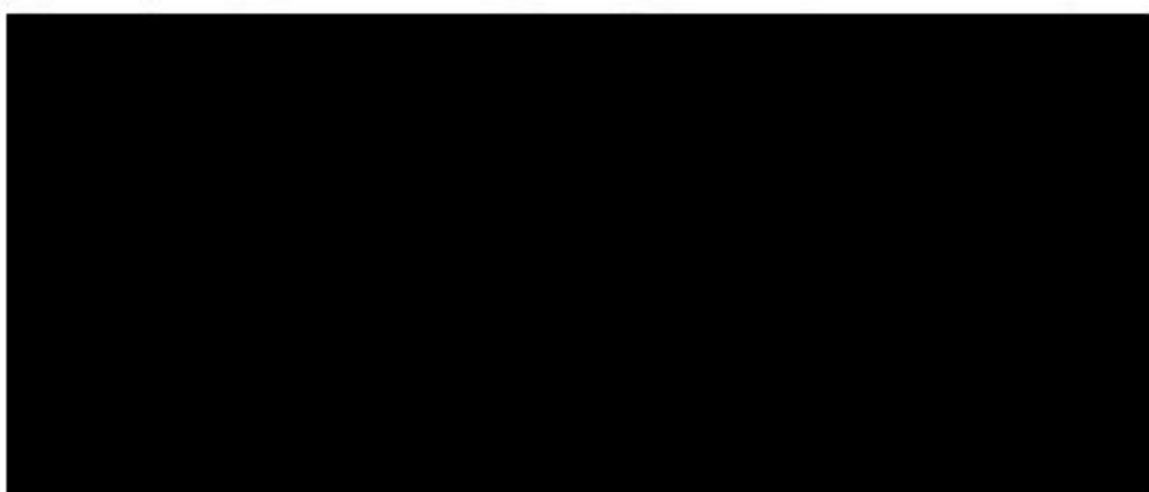
Forename(s): **David**

Surname: **Gordon**

Your Address

A large black rectangular box redacting the address information.

Contact Details

A large black rectangular box redacting the contact details information.

Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **Yes**

Other: **Yes**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Knock Village**

Site reference: **STATION YARD SITE A**

Site name: **STATION YARD SITE A**

Comments: I would like to object against any housing development in the village of Knock a) site A is used by the local community as amenity land, we have no access problems and there is no traffic to contend with, it is used by walkers, cyclists, horses and I would object to any change in that as free and unhindered access. b) Our village does not in any way need any further development. Any such development would alter the balance of the village with no reason, with increased traffic and pressure of space. c) There are no 'facilities' in Knock, scarcely any public transport - I do not understand why this site is chosen when there are numerous vacant properties in our town centres that could be converted (at a lower expense) to housing, and which are near 'facilities' which we have none in Knock. Unless you are planning to bring in x 5 bus a day service to cater for that at huge expense. d) There are in fact 2 empty properties in Knock right now. These again, could be renovated and even sub-divided saving building new properties. e) There is a high chance that the properties built (by a speculator or council built) would not fit in with the local architectural style, therefore could be a blot on an otherwise pretty landscape, immutable and with no reversal. Unless they were built of stone similar to bluestone and in character with surrounding buildings they would remain an ugly blot on an otherwise scenic location popular with locals. f) The increase in people, traffic and other extra activity is totally unnecessary in this village. Many choose to live in Knock as it has a low population. There are certainly much better places to build 'affordable housing' and also plenty of existing properties all over the surrounding countryside and more in town centres, vacant that could be purchased and renovated.

Policy Objection

Policy: **DP1 Development Principles**

Comments: If housing is urgently needed, why build all over the rural area' Once built on you never get it back again. There is plenty of unused property in town centres already.

Other Objection

Document commenting on: **LOCAL PLAN**

Comments: **SEE PREV NOTES**

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: EL_OPP11 - 001577
Date: 26 January 2019 10:47:44

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

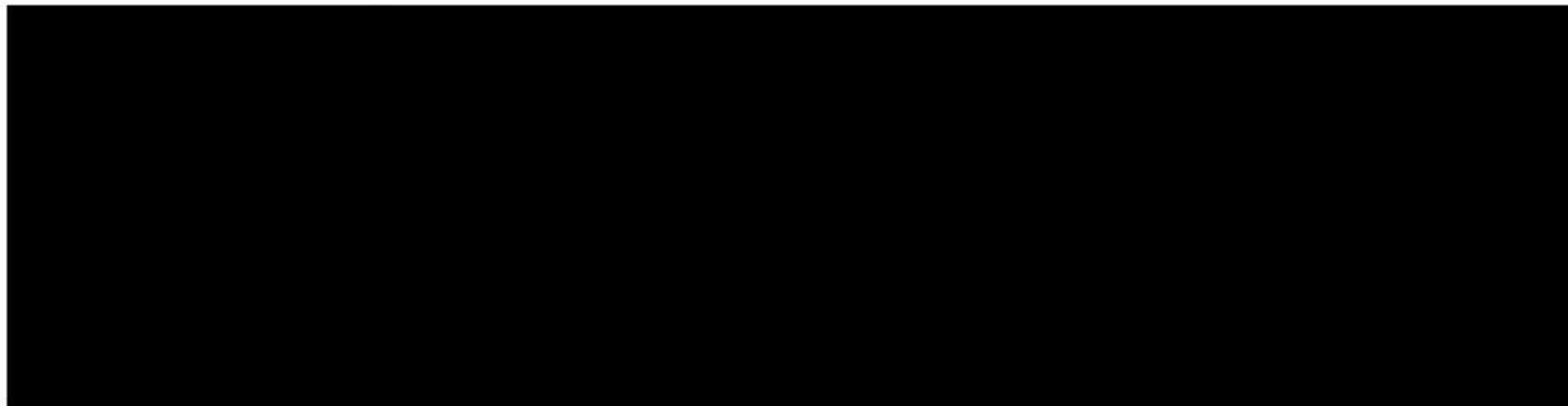
Your Details

Title: **MRS**

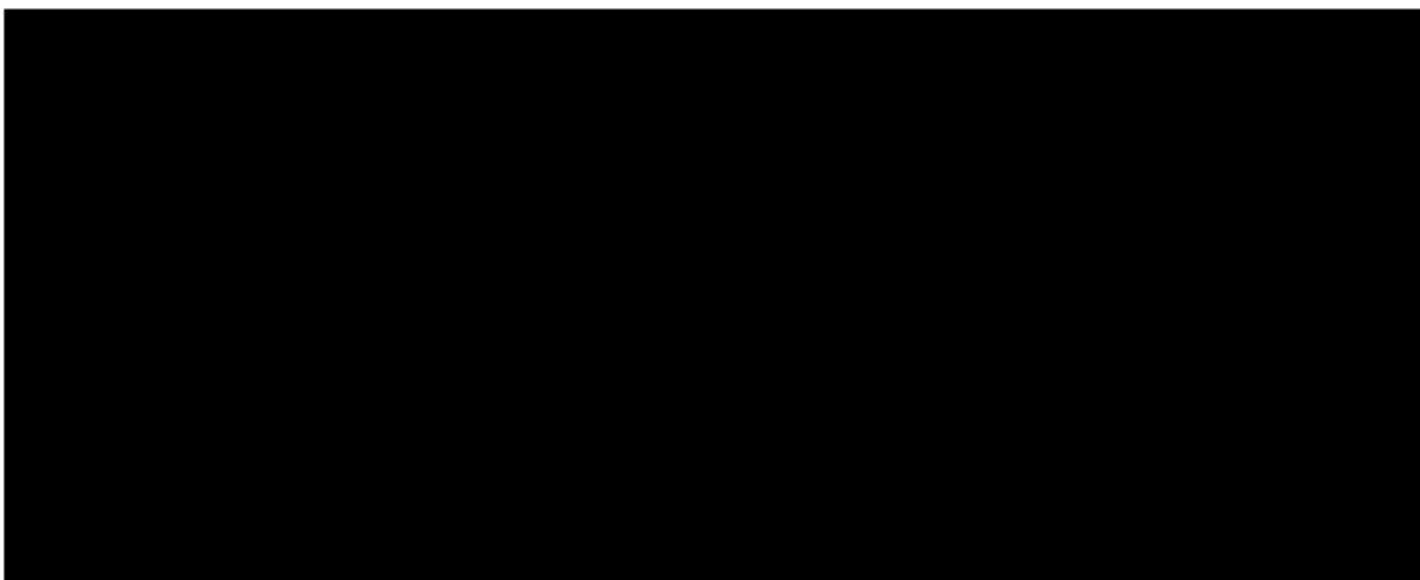
Forename(s): **JULIET**

Surname: **GOVIER**

Your Address

A large black rectangular box redacting the address information.

Contact Details

A large black rectangular box redacting the contact details.

Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **No**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Elgin**

Site reference: **OPP11**

Site name: **Walled Garden, Cooper Park**

Comments: I write to object to OPP11 Walled Garden, Cooper Park, in the proposed Moray Local Development Plan 2020. In Moray Council's Delivery Plan, you state that this area is vacant and derelict, this is a misconception, as this area is in use by Moray Council's Land and Parks, Moray Council's Greenfingers Training Service and is the training campus for Moray College UHI Horticulture Department. None of the facilities on this site are vacant or derelict. Moray College offer Scottish Vocational Training at 3 levels and a Higher National Certificate in Horticulture. This is made possible because of the real-life working environment that the college can offer the students at the Biblical Garden. Without the training facilities which are located on (OPP11 the walled garden), these courses would not be possible. OPP11 is fundamental for the upkeep of the Biblical Garden and essential for the opportunity of studying Horticulture in the north of Scotland. Land-based and environmental industries currently employ approximately 1.3 million people across the UK. With an ageing workforce in an ever-growing sector there is a shortage in land-based skills. Surely the Council see the importance of Moray meeting the needs of local employers and giving their young people and adults the qualifications and training they need. Doesn't this meet part of Moray Council's Social and Economic Strategy of retaining young people in the area, attracting a working age population and align infrastructure and development to support business growth and skills development' The Biblical Gardens attract nearly fifty thousand visitors a year, which demonstrates the garden's importance to Moray Council's Economic Strategy 'Support tourism development'. The Biblical Garden has a 4 stars rating on tripadvisor with visitors from the UK and around the world. The garden is run as a partnership with Moray College UHI, the Friends of the Biblical Garden and Moray Council. The Friends of the Biblical Garden have worked hard to secure funding for the upkeep and redevelopment of this community garden. The success of this funding has been linked to the Biblical Garden's involvement with education. Moray College UHI engages with local Primary and Secondary Schools who visit and take part in activities at the Biblical Garden. Out of term time a diverse group of volunteers from different backgrounds, ages and abilities come together to weed and care for the garden. Moray Council state in their Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, 'Our vision for Moray is raising aspirations through expanded choices, improved livelihoods and wellbeing.' Three of the main priorities of the plan are Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray, Empowering and connecting communities and Growing a Diverse and Sustainable Economy. Isn't this partnership already achieving this' You will find that the Biblical Garden and its partnership also demonstrates part of Moray Council's Social and Environmental Strategy including, Inclusive society/mixed communities, well designed multi-functional green spaces and networks that encourage people to lead healthier lifestyles, provide safe and pleasant walking routes and support and improve habitat and biodiversity. The Biblical Garden is sustainable because of its involvement with Moray College and the Friends of the Biblical Garden. Rather than selling off the family jewels in this time of austerity, Moray Council should consider the merits of this partnership. Isn't this a model of good practice' Moray College UHI and the volunteers from the Friends of the Biblical Garden are underpinning the very fundamentals of Moray Council's Local Outcome and Improvement Plan and Moray

Council's Social, Environmental and Economic Spatial strategy. Local Outcome Improvement Plan, <http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file119323.pdf>

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: DK_R2 - 002210
Date: 15 March 2019 16:14:30

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

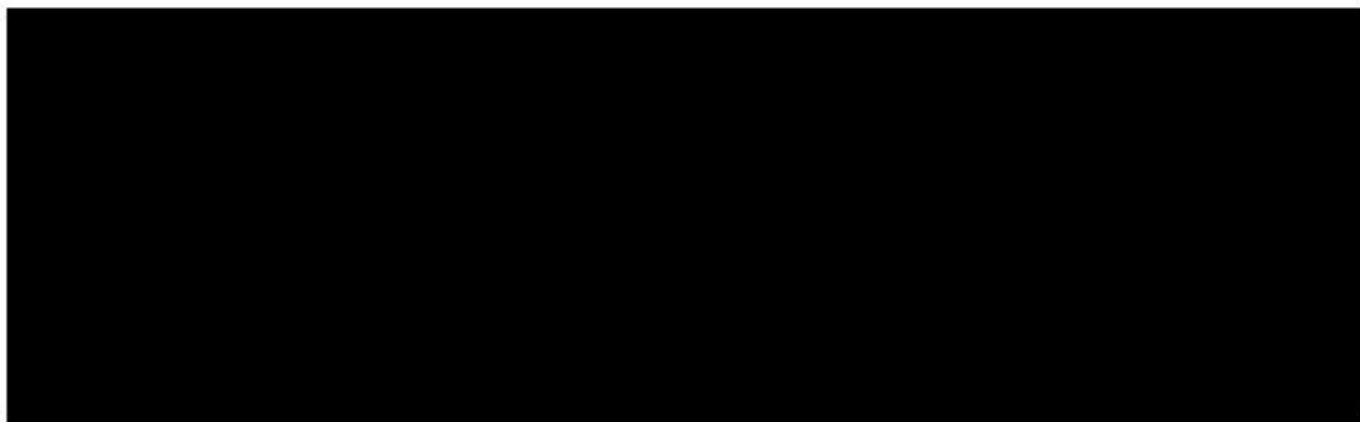
Your Details

Title: **Mr**

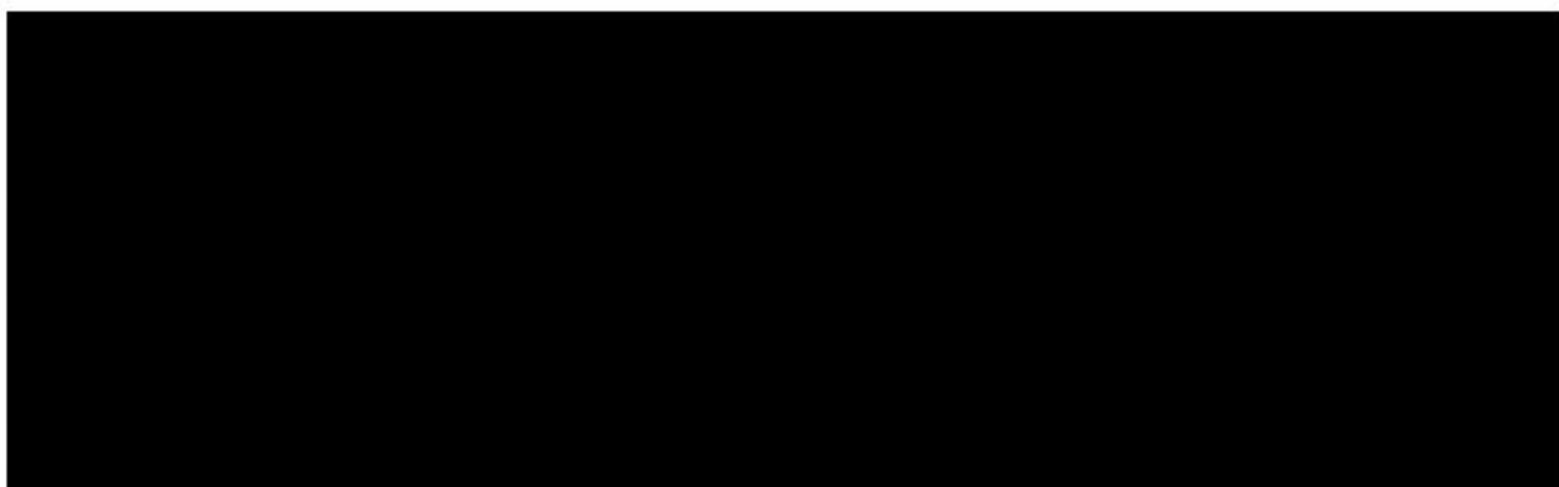
Forename(s): **Douglas**

Surname: **Graham**

Your Address



Contact Details



Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **No**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Dyke**

Site reference: **R2**

Site name: **South Darklass Road**

Comments: **The junction of Darklass Road and Main Street is very dangerous due to poor visibility, parked cars and speeding, any additional traffic will only increase the problem. The number of dwellings served by this junction will be in excess of 50 and the traffic will increase even more. The surface water will feed into the ditch to the west of the site which then feeds the "small burn" which will increase the flood risk to the lower properties adjacent to the "small Burn". The existing sewage treatment plant is already at capacity and any additional effluent may pollute the "Muckle Burn".**

site_obj_name_town_village_grouping : Dyke

site_obj_reference : R2

site_obj_name : South Darklass Road

site_obj_comments :

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.

grant and geoghegan

planning · development and architectural consultants

Development Plans Team
Environmental Services Department
The Moray Council
Council Office
High Street
ELGIN
IV30 1BX

13 March 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Moray Local Development Plan – Proposed Plan
DP6 Mixed Use (MU) and Opportunity Sites (OPP) - Representation**

In general, we welcome the inclusion of opportunity sites in the Proposed Plan however; we are concerned that the policy may not be compatible with enabling development in some instances and must object on that basis.

In an ideal world, a landowner would be able to develop an entire site themselves/with others or have investors lined up to be able to take forward an entire opportunity site, with a suitable range of uses. However, in practice, this may not be possible. This may be down to market conditions or other matters which are out with the control of the landowner, applicant or the planning authority.

Through this representation, we are seeking some flexibility to be written into this policy to enable development on OPP sites which do not prejudice the delivery of the remaining range and type of uses. It is feasible that some development at the front end of a project, associated with the release of land or a small scale development, would give the overall project the impetus to be realised.

As a suggestion, why not transpose into policy the flexibility to be delivered in arrange of ways but that further information will be required if the appointed officer considers the proposal at hand to prejudice the delivery of the balance of the site. This would make the policy more workable in reality and would be very helpful to several of our clients whilst allowing the planning authority to retain control over the development of these sites.

We would welcome an opportunity to come in and discuss this in more detail.

Kind regards,

Neil Grant
grant and geoghegan

From: [Neil Grant](#)
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: DP4 - 001860
Date: 15 March 2019 10:25:36
Attachments: [Rural Housing Response Proposed Plan.pdf](#)
[Revised DP4 Rural Housing Policy.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

Please find attached grant and geoghegan's objection to the policy DP4 Rural Housing.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Regards,

Neil

Neil Grant

grant and geoghegan ltd.

E: neil@ggmail.co.uk

Tel: **01343 556644**

Mobile: **07769744332**

DIRECTORS
JOHN L S GRANT
ISHBEL M GRANT
GEORGE S GRANT



TELEPHONES
01807 500209
01807 500245
FAX
01807 500234

DISTILLERS ESTABLISHED 1836

GLENFARCLAS DISTILLERY
BALLINDALLOCH
BANFFSHIRE AB37 9BD · SCOTLAND



JLSG/JMR

14 January 2019

Local Development Plan Team
Development Services
Moray Council
Council Offices
High Street, Elgin
IV30 1BX

Dear Sirs,

Moray Local Development Plan 2020

We are writing to you in our capacity as owners of the property 'Grantly' at Glenfarclas in response to two 'Notification of Proposed Plan' letters received, dated 7th January 2019.

Glenfarclas Site A

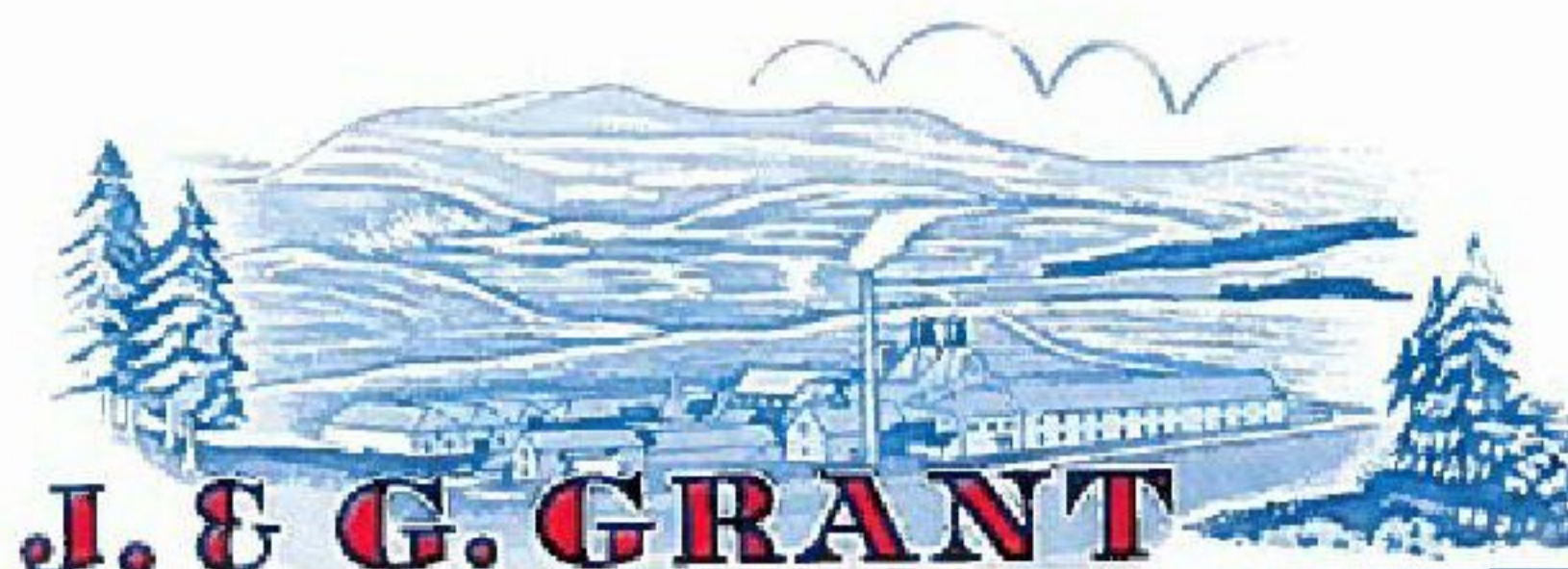
In our opinion this is not suitable for the construction of two houses. Apart from appearing to cover a track used for access to an area due to be replanted, there is not an adequate water supply. One of the primary reasons for the distillery cottages becoming derelict, and eventually demolished was lack of water. Even after replacing the pipework and cisterns there is barely enough water for Grantly, The Old Farmhouse and The Bungalow. All these properties have been without water for a considerable period of time this year. In addition there is no mains sewerage, and there is no room for extra capacity at the distillery.

E-mail reception@glenfarclas.co.uk

Web www.glenfarclas.co.uk

CO. No. 25459 SCOTLAND VAT No. GB 265 3376 46

DIRECTORS
JOHN L. S. GRANT
ISHBEL M. GRANT
GEORGE S. GRANT



TELEPHONES
01807 500209
01807 500245
FAX
01807 500234

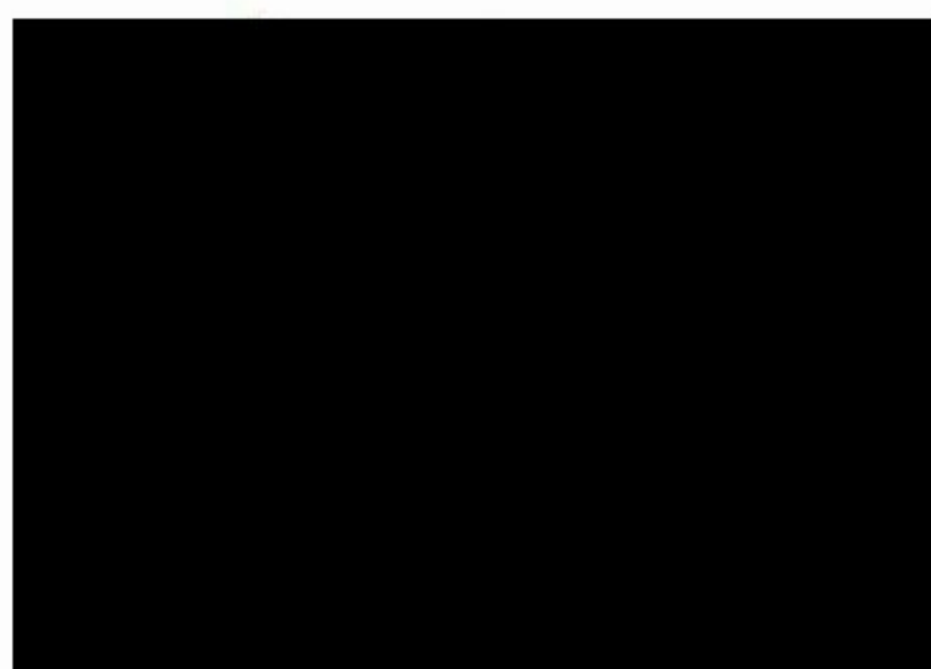
DISTILLERS ESTABLISHED 1836

GLENFARCLAS DISTILLERY
BALLINDALLOCH
BANFFSHIRE AB37 9BD · SCOTLAND

Glenfarclas Site B

From the plan submitted this appears to be on top of, or right beside the cistern which supplies 4 domestic properties, the distillery visitor centre and distillery offices. This private water supply is, as above, barely adequate for needs of these properties, and alternative arrangements had to be made during the summer months for the visitor centre. Additionally this site is within the distillery water catchment area. You may recollect we objected to the construction of a substation at Tomnaglein in 2002 for fear of the distillery water supply being polluted. Our objection was overruled 13-9, however when S.S.E. Ltd looked at the site their project manager commented, "*We cannot build it here as we are bound to pollute the water supply*". They then applied to build it elsewhere away from our catchment area.

We have looked at these sites over the years, and have deemed them unsuitable, as there is no water and sewerage facility.



E-mail reception@glenfarclas.co.uk

Web www.glenfarclas.co.uk

CO. No. 25459 SCOTLAND VAT No. GB 265 3376 46

DIRECTORS
JOHN L S GRANT
ISHBEL M GRANT
GEORGE S GRANT



TELEPHONES
01807 500209
01807 500245
FAX
01807 500234

DISTILLERS ESTABLISHED 1836

GLENFARCLAS DISTILLERY
BALLINDALLOCH
BANFFSHIRE AB37 9BD · SCOTLAND



JLSG/JMR

14 January 2019

Local Development Plan Team
Development Services
Moray Council
Council Offices
High Street, Elgin
IV30 1BX

Dear Sirs,

Moray Local Development Plan 2020

We are writing to you in our capacity as owners of the property 'Grantly' at Glenfarclas in response to two 'Notification of Proposed Plan' letters received, dated 7th January 2019.

Glenfarclas Site A

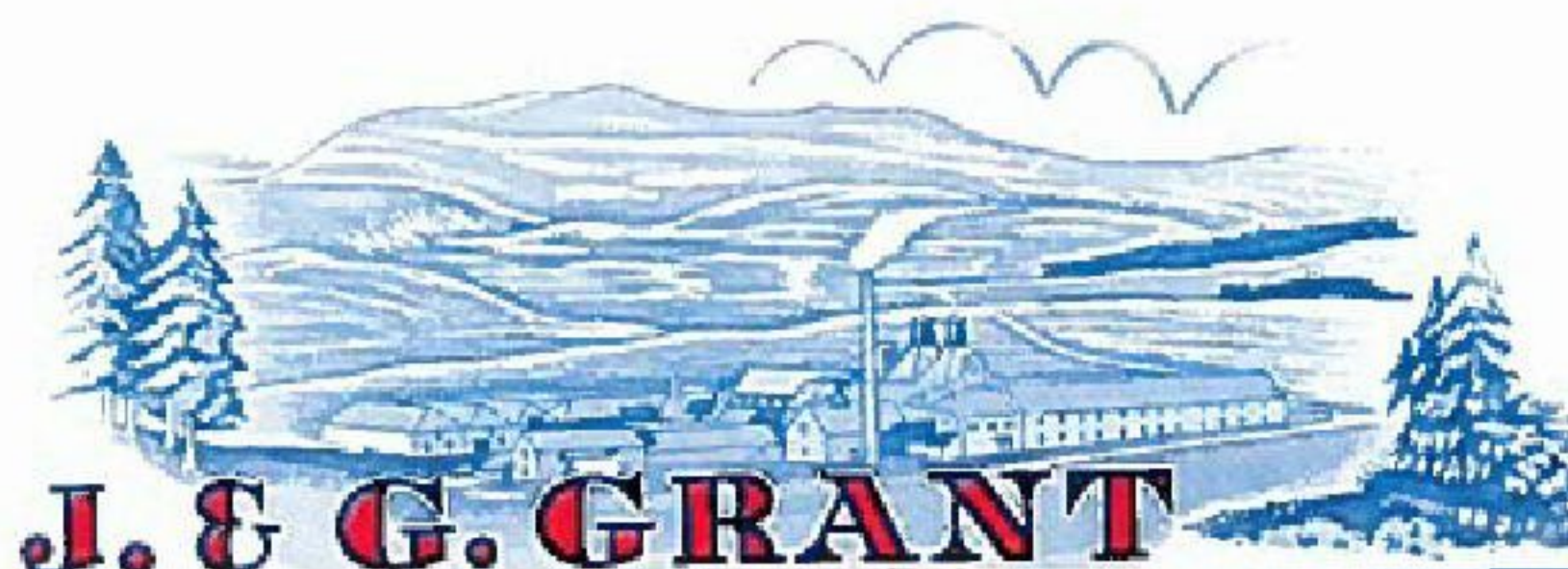
In our opinion this is not suitable for the construction of two houses. Apart from appearing to cover a track used for access to an area due to be replanted, there is not an adequate water supply. One of the primary reasons for the distillery cottages becoming derelict, and eventually demolished was lack of water. Even after replacing the pipework and cisterns there is barely enough water for Grantly, The Old Farmhouse and The Bungalow. All these properties have been without water for a considerable period of time this year. In addition there is no mains sewerage, and there is no room for extra capacity at the distillery.

E-mail reception@glenfarclas.co.uk

Web www.glenfarclas.co.uk

CO. No. 25459 SCOTLAND VAT No. GB 265 3376 46

DIRECTORS
JOHN L. S. GRANT
ISHBEL M. GRANT
GEORGE S. GRANT



TELEPHONES
01807 500209
01807 500245
FAX
01807 500234

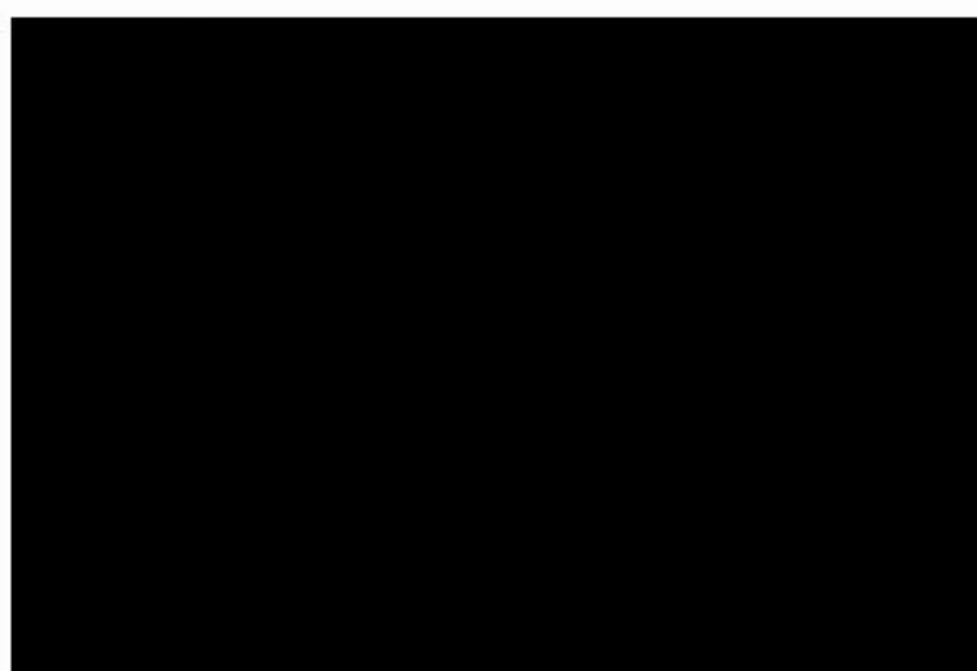
DISTILLERS ESTABLISHED 1836

GLENFARCLAS DISTILLERY
BALLINDALLOCH
BANFFSHIRE AB37 9BD · SCOTLAND

Glenfarclas Site B

From the plan submitted this appears to be on top of, or right beside the cistern which supplies 4 domestic properties, the distillery visitor centre and distillery offices. This private water supply is, as above, barely adequate for needs of these properties, and alternative arrangements had to be made during the summer months for the visitor centre. Additionally this site is within the distillery water catchment area. You may recollect we objected to the construction of a substation at Tomnaglein in 2002 for fear of the distillery water supply being polluted. Our objection was overruled 13-9, however when S.S.E. Ltd looked at the site their project manager commented, "*We cannot build it here as we are bound to pollute the water supply*". They then applied to build it elsewhere away from our catchment area.

We have looked at these sites over the years, and have deemed them unsuitable, as there is no water and sewerage facility.



E-mail reception@glenfarclas.co.uk

Web www.glenfarclas.co.uk

CO. No. 25459 SCOTLAND VAT No. GB 265 3376 46

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: EL_OPP11 - 002166
Date: 13 March 2019 13:09:43

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

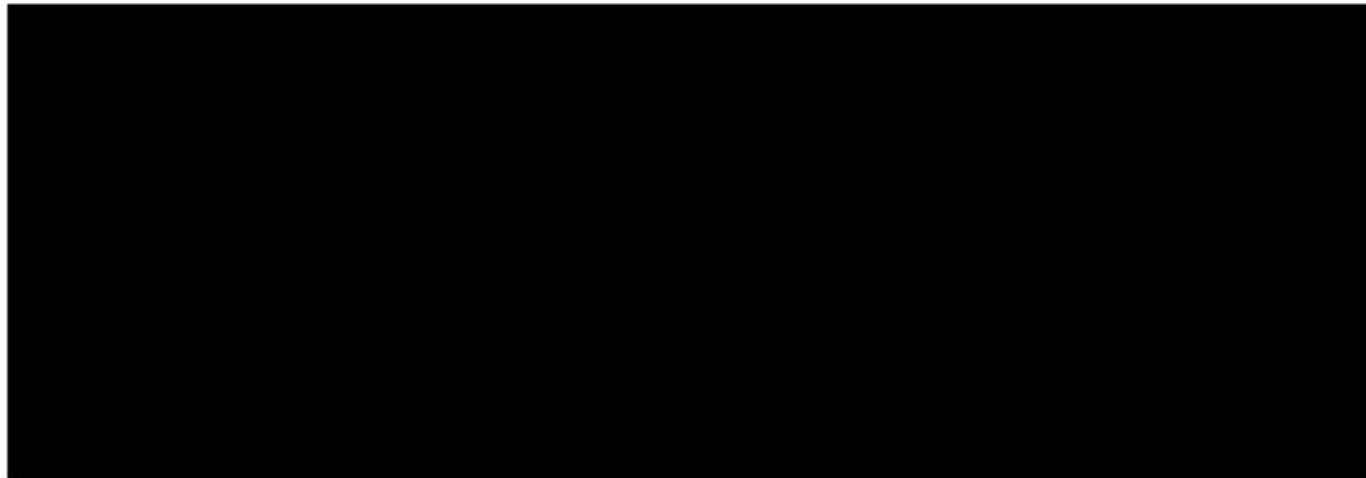
Your Details

Title: **Mr**

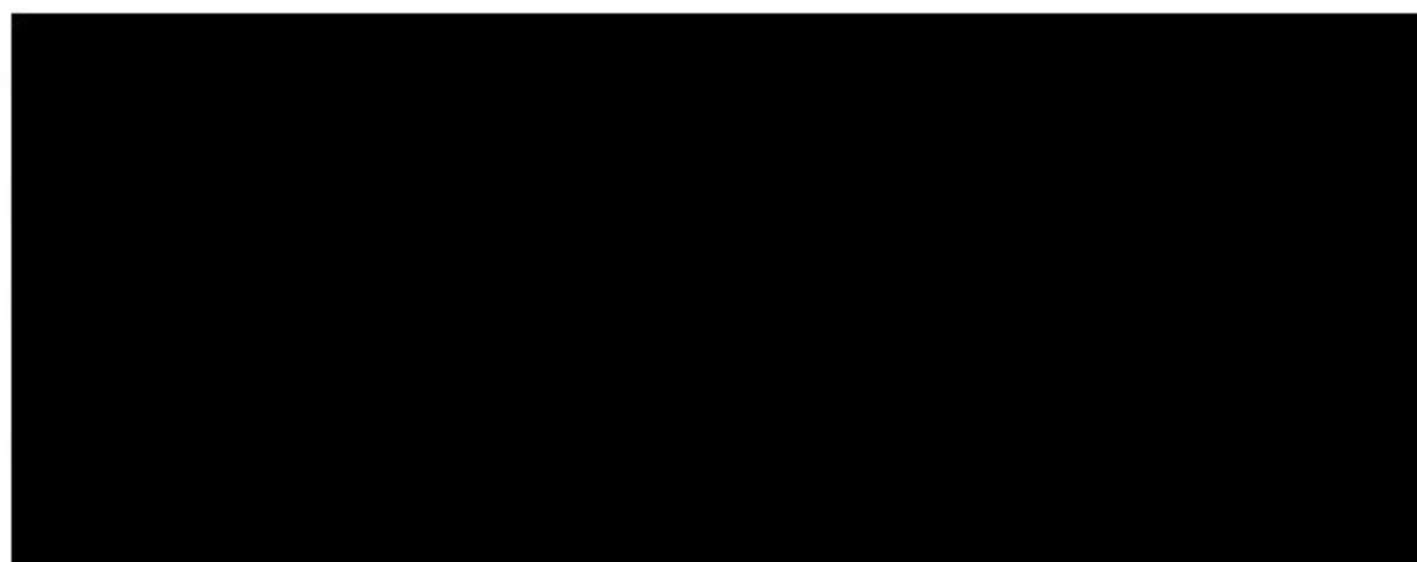
Forename(s): **Ross**

Surname: **Grant**

Your Address

A large black rectangular box redacting the address information.

Contact Details

A large black rectangular box redacting the contact details information.

Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **No**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Elgin**

Site reference: **OP11**

Site name: **Walled Garden**

Comments:

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.



4th March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Proposed Site, Upper Dallachy, Site B

Thank you for the notification of proposed site. Although housesites are required, it seems a travesty that a green field site be selected. There are many brown field sites which surely would have been less unpopular.

However, I would like to offer more concrete concerns. We are fortunate to live in the country and have been pleasantly surprised to observe over the years, visits from bats and badgers. These visits would appear to originate from the northern boundary of the proposed site. Their disruption we believe would go against the countryside ethos. The proposed four properties could have more than eight vehicles, with their access entering onto an unclassified road, the topography of which has a short distance before a blind summit is reached. Surely, concerns of road safety with local children, pedestrians and disabled users with mobility scooters using the road regularly without pavement, are a major safety issue.

The site drawings have no mention of drainage and aspect, historically we have suffered flooding concerns which will no doubt be exacerbated with the proposed development.

Further, assuming septic tanks are to be utilized, with the incumbent lorries that will be required to empty such, road safety issues will again come to the fore. The footprint of the development could affect ground water levels, with associated problems.

Yours faithfully

Tessa Green

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: CG_SITEA - 002162
Date: 13 March 2019 09:33:06

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

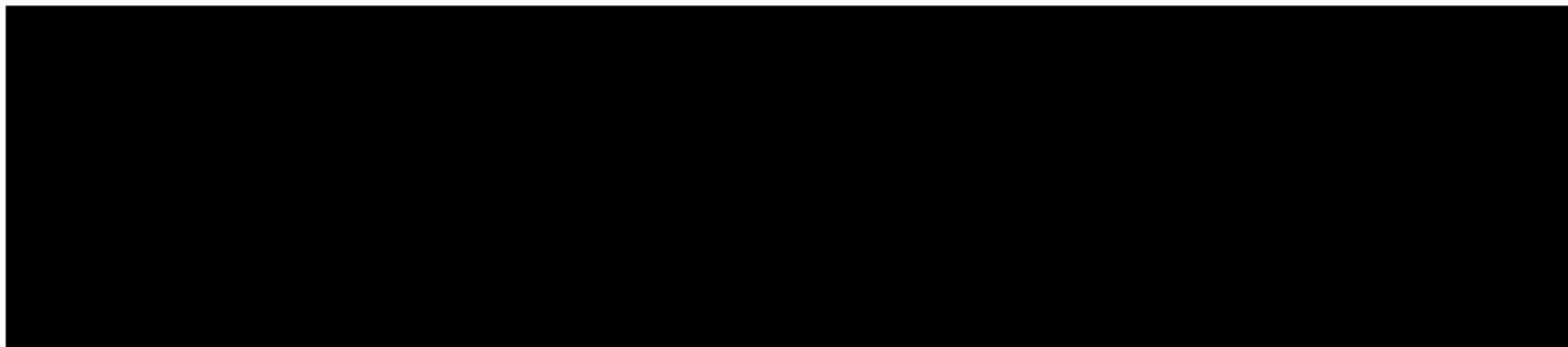
Your Details

Title: **Mr**

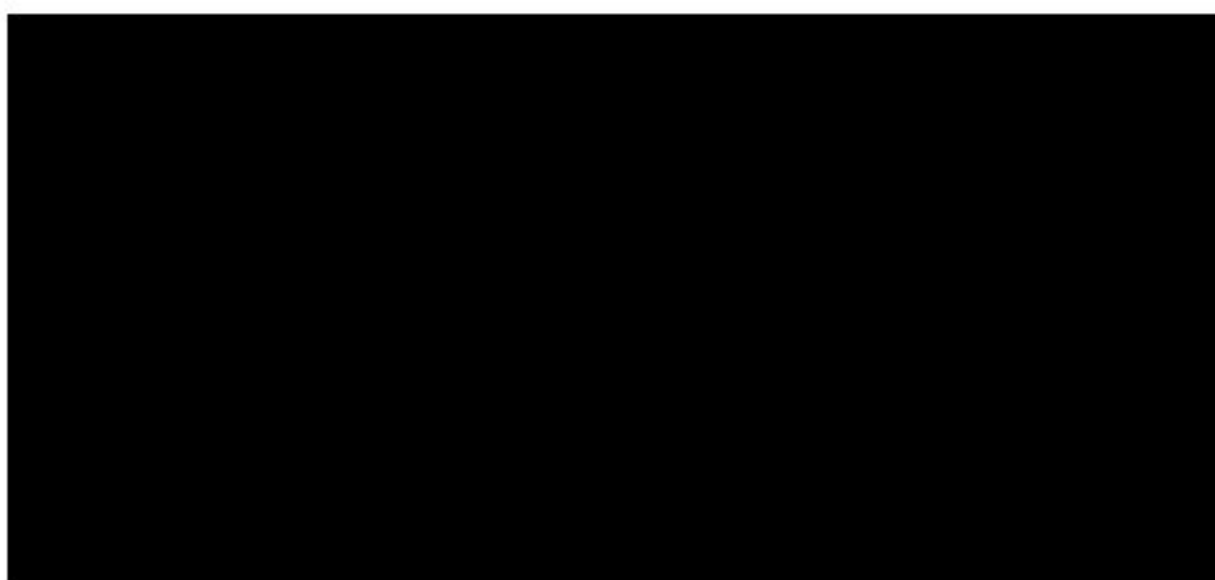
Forename(s): **Peter**

Surname: **Griffiths**

Your Address

A large black rectangular box redacting the address information.

Contact Details

A black rectangular box redacting the contact details.

Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **No**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Cragganmore**

Site reference: **Cragganmore A/B**

Site name: **Cragganmore A/B**

Comments: I am a part owner of the Garline private water supply which has distribution pipe work below the area identified. The Garline private water supply has no supply volume capacity for additional consumers and is legally established and limited in respect of ownership. Development on this land would require disturbance of the private infrastructure and my support, which I am unwilling to provide at this time. Additionally, the Moray Local Plan identifies an 'infrastructure first' approach which implies a new public water mains (approximately 3 road miles), sewerage system and a access road/drainage would be required to be implemented by a developer, which would unlikely be sustainable by the development economics.

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.

From: eforms@moray.gov.uk
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: CG_SITEB - 002162
Date: 13 March 2019 09:33:06

Moray Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan 2019

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future

Your Details

Title: **Mr**

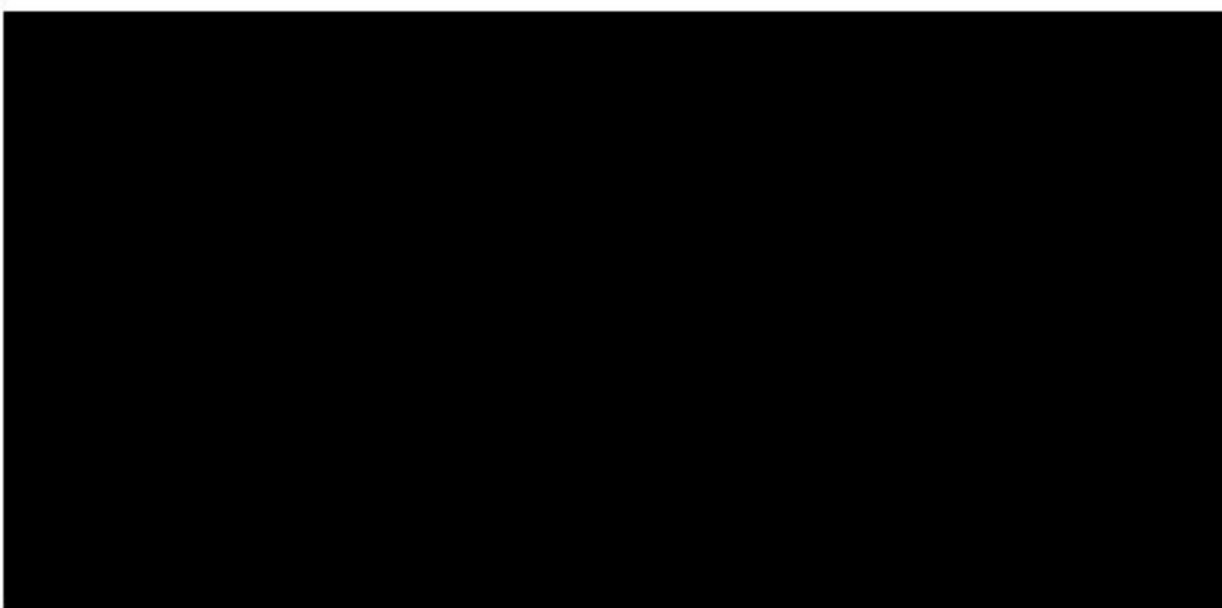
Forename(s): **Peter**

Surname: **Griffiths**

Your Address

A large black rectangular box redacting the address information.

Contact Details

A large black rectangular box redacting the contact details.

Agent Details

Do you have an agent: **No**

Response

Do you want to object to a site?: **Yes**

Do you want to object to a policy, the vision or spatial strategy: **No**

Other: **No**

Supporting information: [Download supporting document](#) Available also via link at bottom of this email.

Site Objections

Name of town, village or grouping: **Cragganmore**

Site reference: **Cragganmore A/B**

Site name: **Cragganmore A/B**

Comments: I am a part owner of the Garline private water supply which has distribution pipe work below the area identified. The Garline private water supply has no supply volume capacity for additional consumers and is legally established and limited in respect of ownership. Development on this land would require disturbance of the private infrastructure and my support, which I am unwilling to provide at this time. Additionally, the Moray Local Plan identifies an 'infrastructure first' approach which implies a new public water mains (approximately 3 road miles), sewerage system and a access road/drainage would be required to be implemented by a developer, which would unlikely be sustainable by the development economics.

Please use [this link](#) to view and retrieve the uploaded attachments.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Localdevelopmentplan](#)
Subject: EL_OPP11 - 002082
Date: 25 February 2019 13:10:40

Re:- **OPP11 The Walled Garden**

Dear Moray Council Development Planners,

I was really shocked to read in this week's Northern Scot that you plan to destroy Moray College's Horticulture Department! For this is exactly what will be the result if you sell this piece of land and a hotel is built on it! How can you even think of doing this!? You know perfectly well that The Biblical Garden was created with the help of numerous donations from local citizens and businesses, what would nowadays be called with Crowd Funding. Therefore, you would simply pass over the efforts of all these people and everyone else who benefits from this garden and the connected Moray College Horticulture Department by handing it all over to form part of a hotel? In order to basically finance the continuation of the huge incomes of Moray's Councillors!? £50,000 odd per annum?!

I think this is utterly despicable! As other writers in the Northern Scot, for example, and no doubt writers to you have pointed out, in a time of financial crisis, we shouldn't have to pay our Council Tax merely to ensure the far too healthy bank accounts of our Councillors. Instead, the Councillors should have their pay reduced accordingly, so that all vital services can continue to be offered. It's the community services that are the most important here, not the Councillors' salaries! Putting the latter before the former smacks of corruption.

Furthermore, I don't understand why not ALL Councillors of ALL British Councils go down together to mob Westminster to demand the necessary money to continue offering their Councils' services to the Tax payers?! In such severely problematic financial times, the Westminster crowd shouldn't sideline what are already about £60 **billion** for their **HS2 VANITY** project, which will according to estimates reach £100 billion! And that is merely to connect Birmingham to London. To connect the northern English cities to that high-speed line would require even more billions, as stated clearly in a recent Channel Four documentary: "HS2: The Great Train Robbery"!

Just think what Britain's Councils could do with that amount of cash!... And this is what that cash should actually be used for. There is too much of a "I'm alright Jack" attitude prevailing down there and they need to be made to stop and hand over all that cash, dividing it proportionately among ALL Britain's Councils! It's mainly they who wish for a Union, so Scotland's Councils shouldn't have to depend on Barnett Formula hand-outs in these times! And who knows, perhaps they even want out of Europe to use the contribution money for the HS2 project too, while the rest of the country descends even further into poverty and strife.

I studied Horticulture for two years at Moray College and in 2013, during my SVQ3 course, we were already using the polytunnels now in contention. I have not ended up as a

professional gardener, but nonetheless feel perfectly qualified to carry out such work. That team of lecturers is excellent, as most of the students passing through their hands will testify. Gardening isn't really a luxury, because one can garden anywhere where there is a piece of land to do it on. You will have heard of "Guerrilla Gardening"? I currently garden on the Council's community green space beside my Council-owned apartment block, mostly thanks to the skills I learned at the Biblical Garden site on top of what I already knew. Without those much more technical skills of pruning and propagation especially, but fertilizing too and the use of the right tools for all the jobs, mechanical and motorized, I would never have ended up feeling as confident a gardener as I am now. We were even taught how to move large rocks for landscaping jobs without damaging our backs! Truly empowering, particularly for women!

Especially since Moray Council has deemed fit to drop its own Horticulture Department to the extent that it has, the Horticulture students and the Friends of the Biblical Garden have been doing a wonderful job keeping at least the Biblical Garden in magnificent shape. Cooper's Park is no comparison to it whatsoever! You know this too and any visitors to Elgin would surely agree with me as well.

If you condemn Moray College's Horticulture Department with its now four courses running, Moray will be so much the poorer for it. Surely there is somewhere else far less sensitive another high-end hotel can be built?

Thank you very much in advance for taking my plea into account.

Yours sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.