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COLINTRAIVE
ARGYLLSHIRE
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10th February, 2011

Planning and Regulatory Services,
Milton House,
Milton Avenue,
DUNOON,
PA23 7DU.


Dear Sirs,

Application Number 10/02077/PP - Land North West of Ardare, Colintraive

I refer to the above application and would like to lodge an objection on the following grounds.

The site as at present forms a valuable wild life preserve. It is mainly covered with mature trees and it forms a valuable corridor between the ancient forestry of the hillside lying to the north of the road and the seashore. It is in fact one of the last remaining undeveloped woodland connections between the shore lands and these ancient forests. Virtually all other areas along the seashore have been developed with housing which forms an unbroken line from beyond the Church past the ferry to the houses on the old shore road. For wild life to have access to the shore and sea the only alternative they have is to cross open ground.

The site forms an important refuge for many birds and animals including red squirrels, herons, hedgehogs and bats, all of which are seen frequently on the site. During the summer there is also an otter which plays in the water opposite the site and we think may perhaps live or, at least, move through the site to the seashore.



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Development of the site would inevitably lead to the destruction and removal of most of the trees and will seriously affect, or even destroy, the wild life presently using the site.

The access road to the site, and specifically the small bridge adjacent to the Community Hall, will cause problems. Heavy vehicles must be prohibited and the single track road leading to the site will inevitably suffer considerable traffic problems during the construction period and indeed will cause safety and other concerns from all properties lying to the east of the subjects, including the provision of emergency services. The road is narrow and there is no provision for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users. During the construction period off road parking and turning must be provided for which, inevitably, will lead to further destruction of the trees and shrubs on the site.

I suspect that this is a speculative application to establish a housing use and that if permission is granted the site will be sold to the highest bidder and we may see a new application for several houses or flats on the site. Any development of the site will detract substantially from the scenic beauty of the area.

Yours faithfully,



G. GREG MORRIS

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