Response from Fiona Gillies, Drumnamucklach Cottage, Tayinloan, Tarbert, PA29 6XF – 17/0011/LRB

Dear Sir/Madam

Following on from my further representations in respect of the above Planning Application Reference, I would like the points listed below also to be noted.

At the time of my email from an internet search there are 10 houses for sale in the area and villages surrounding Tayinloan. There are 3 three plots for sale at Beachmore, less than 1 mile south of the application site and a further eight plots at Glenbarr. There is not a shortage of houses or plots for sale in the area surrounding the application site.

There are two existing houses at Craigruadha with one further house under construction. There are a further three houses on either side of Craigruadha with another house under construction. With the existing houses and the other house currently under construction there will seven houses sited along a very short stretch of the A83 trunk road.

When the applicant submitted Planning Permission for this site he visited my property, with a hand written note advising that the house would be for him and his partner. I now understand that this is not the case and that he is looking to sell the proposed new house. The applicant is a businessman who is (as many business people would) acting for his own interests, rather than being concerned about the effect this proposed development would have on the settlement pattern of the area.

As stated in the Decision Refusal Notice: "The application site is an important undeveloped space in the area, as it serves to maintain some separation between the dwellings, in a manner which is consistent with the maintenance of the rural settlement pattern of the area, which is characterised by isolated single and small groups of properties. If the site were to be developed as proposed, it would create and undesirable linear string of houses (five in total) which would undermine the established settlement pattern of the wider area by the introduction of a more 'suburban' row of properties."

I trust these comments will be considered by the Local Review Body when determining the review.

I would be obliged if you could please confirm receipt of this email

Yours Faithfully

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