

**The Whins
Ferry Road
Tayinloan
TARBERT
PA29 6XG**

7 September 2012

Local Review Body
Customer Services
Argyll and Bute Council
Kilmory
LOCHGILPHEAD
PA31 8RT

Dear Sirs

**RESPONSE TO INFORMATION FROM DEVELOPMENT POLICY OFFICER
DATED 30 AUGUST 2012
REF: 12/0005/LRB
Plot 1, Land South West of Beachmore Farm, Muasdale**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the submission made by the Planning Officer - Development Policy.

I note that while the Local Review Body (LRB) requested information specific to my site, the officer provided only general information relating to the designation of areas as "Sensitive Countryside" and "Rural Opportunity Areas" within the Local Plan in terms of the various methods used to establish the boundary line between the two. Unfortunately, this general information does not help the LRB to establish the exact methods which were used to justify the redesignation of my site from "Rural Opportunity Area" to "Sensitive Countryside". However, the attached map,

*A section of Argyll and Bute Local Plan 2009 South Kintyre 3
Scale 1:35,000 Map No 3
Showing section of field owned by K. Pendreigh, south-west of Beachmore*

if compared with the Ordnance Survey map of Kintyre South, shows quite clearly that the boundary line is represented by the 50 metre height contour line on the Ordnance Survey map.

I hope that, having visited the site, the LRB members might agree with me that development in the high open ground above my site, designated a Rural Opportunity Area, would have far more visual and landscape impact than a development in my relatively low lying and screened site. I believe that using the 50 metre contour line as the boundary has led to anomalies in land use designation in this area.

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Although I am pleased that Fergus Murray is minded to consider redesignating my site back to "Rural Opportunity Area", I am also very concerned, even if Fergus Murray decides to redesignate my site, that the lengthy processes involved in order to do this and the considerable possibility of an objection, could cause the redesignation to fail. I would therefore ask the members to circumvent this possibility by granting consent to my planning application.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Pendreigh

Enc.