

Paper 5

Appendix

Representee

From: JOHNATHAN GAUKROGER [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2012 14:30
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application 11/04621/FUL Nethy Bridge

Inchcailloch,
Nethybridge,
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PH25 3DB.

Mr D. McKee,
Head of Planning,
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Ground Floor,
Albert Memorial Hall,
Station Square,
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AB35 5QB.

15th January 2012

Your Ref: 11/04621/FUL

Development Proposed: Creation of all-abilities footpaths, pond and associated works to woodland area

Location: Nethy Bridge Village Hall, Nethy Bridge, PH25 3DA

Dear Mr McKee,

I wish to make the following comments on the development proposal as indicated in the above planning application.

1 The proposal raises safety issues. There is currently no pedestrian way over the Duack Burn other than walking on the road which is barely wide enough to permit two cars to pass simultaneously. The proposal will presumably generate increased footfall and therefore this issue should be addressed. Any developments of any kind should not be undertaken until safe pedestrian movement over the burn is provided as a priority, which would benefit a greater number of people than are likely to use the development.

2 The development of this natural bog raises environmental issues such as release of greenhouse gases and also provides a buffer regarding absorption of water so mitigating flooding. These and other environmental issues (impact on wildlife) need to be addressed before any disturbance of this area of ground is contemplated.

I therefore wish my comments to be taken into consideration and look forward to receiving a response to the issues raised.

Yours sincerely
J. M. Gaukroger