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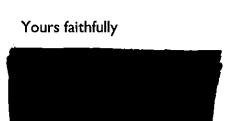
25 September 2009

Dear Madam

Proposed Holiday Apartments, Corner of Conglass Lane and A939 Tomintoul, Ballindalloch, Banffshire, Moray

Please find enclosed for your information a copy of a letter from Mr and Mrs Drury to Mrs Wigginton in response to her reservations regarding the above application.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact our Colin Thompson.



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Tuesday, 22 September 2009

For Mrs Glenice Wigginton

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PROPOSED HOLIDAY APARTMENTS

Dear Glenice.

We have taken note of your letter and can understand the concerns that a new building can generate. However we would like to make the following points in that we feel that this development would not cause you the amount of disturbance that you outline in your letter.

Noise.

- 1) Yes there will be extra noise during the building stage that we must expect. However, when built, as there are no individual front gardens other than an open area proposed between the main A939 the existing garden wall and the new properties, we cannot see that this area would be used for anything other than aesthetic landscaping. Therefore little human usage of the area.
- 2) The fact that any traffic parking or starting and/or entrance to the holiday-lets is on the blind side from yourself, well away with the natural barrier of the buildings, therefore dulling any traffic noise towards your property, we believe this would cause no extra noise to yourself. Certainly much less so than the passing traffic accelerating and decelerating on the A939 immediate to your boundary.

Intrusion of Privacy.

- 3) Firstly that these are holiday apartments/lets for short periods where for the most part we would assume the occupants would be out and about during the day time enjoying the wonderful vacation amenity we have here for outdoor activities. It is assumed that upstairs levels that may overlook your garden will be mainly used at bedtime not during the day. The downstairs elevation eyelevel would not be able to see into your property.
- 4) Tomintoul is a vibrant and established Highland tourist village and strangers are a part of our culture here. Without tourism amenity would disappear and this village may well die. It is very vulnerable to all kinds of happenings both internal and external that may cause its failure. These apartments are proposed in that they will both satisfy present needs from tourism for self catering without every cottage being taken over as a holiday let, so that this village can be sustainable and not loose itself to second homes in a desert of no culture and a place that wherein that no-one is local.

If this permission is granted we would give every attention to making sure that any intrusion upon yourself does not occur and that an active liaison between us would continue during and post construction.

Kindest regards,

Mike and Cathy Drury