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Dear Neil

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PROPOSED CHEESE DAIRY, CAMBUS O'MAY – CLIENT'S ROLE

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It is critical to the Cambus O'May cheese business that the applicant is based on site at the dairy. Apart from managing and running the day-to-day operation of the business being located in a dwellinghouse adjacent to the dairy would also ensure the following:

1. Security: the dairy equipment and cheese product inventory will be of considerable value and, with no other form of security available, the locality of the dwellinghouse will provide a deterrent and allow the applicant the capability of overseeing the property on a 24 hour basis.
2. Cattle husbandry and milking: it is essential on any dairy herd farm that husbandry is close at hand. The health of the herd is critical to the business and the busy milking schedule confirms the need for the applicant to be based on site.
3. Emergency management: for cover after normal working hours or in the event of any weather incident, accident, mal-operation or other emergency the applicant would typically be at hand to provide direction and emergency management.
4. Sustainable energy control: the applicant hopes to make the development energy self sufficient using sustainable energy sources including wood burners, hydropower and ground source heat pumps. These facilities are to be located in the former sawmill boiler house which now forms part of the house design and will require constant monitoring and maintenance.
5. Cheese inventory management: the maturing of the cheese inventory (in some cases up to 12 months) requires careful control and monitoring of both temperature and humidity levels. In the event of any storage control upset it is vital that the applicant is located close at hand to prevent damage to the inventory.
6. The dwellinghouse will form the hub of the sales and marketing activity of Cambus O'May Cheese Company. A house being close to the dairy will provide better facilitation of product sales, new product development and the creation of promotional material to support the business.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Robb

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Proposed Cheese Factory, and House, Cambus O'May. App/2008/359 /378

Dear Mr Stewart,

as you know, Ballater and Crathie Community Council are very much in favour of any activity which will provide employment and economic development in food processing to the area, but there are some concerns regarding this application on which we would be glad of information. These are mainly about effluent removal and the River Dee.

1. The sub-soil is lake/river and glacial sand which could allow rapid percolation to the river levels if there should be leaks from the Klargesters systems, if the electricity should fail or there is chemical imbalance in a failure.
2. We are not certain that a reed-bed system works in our temperatures, especially in winter.
3. We cannot see how it is possible to avoid leakage into the burn from the cattle moving up to the milking parlour and waiting in the holding pens.
4. We do not see how it would be possible to avoid breaking the burn banks as cattle drink from the burn. Efforts are being made to increase salmon-spawning potential in this burn by neighbours and increasing debris would not help.
5. We have not been able to see what happens to the whey.
6. Straw bales will not last long as baffles in the wet. How effective will they be against the parlour- and concrete- washings and how often will they be replaced?
7. Concrete is not considered to be a stable substance in low temperatures - cracks in the usual mixes for the floors could allow percolation before many years.
8. With supplies in and products out, there could be concerns about fast traffic coming round the corner on the A93 from Ballater, at the entrances.

I'm surprised that the cattle will be facing away from the food-stores as they are milked, supposing that a modern system would allow chip-recognition and appropriate feeding.

It is not clear from the House plans if the waterwheel is to be turned by water from the burn to the old mill lade. This could also affect water-flow for salmon and supplies for cattle. We could not find flow quantities in the papers

Yours sincerely

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Secretary, Ballater and Crathie Community Council

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08/359/CP Application for Cambur O'May. Old Sawmill etc.

Dear Mr Stewart,

thank you for your letter and enclosures of 11th November 2008, regarding the application for the Dwelling House and Garage below the Old Line at Cambus O'May.

At the November meeting of the Ballater and Crathie Community Council, we did not have these particular maps, drawings or environmental reports. However I was charged to make objections on the grounds of concern for effective effluent removal and consideration of the historic use and machinery. There is a water wheel, I understand and it is remembered that the boiler was carried across the Tay Bridge the day before it was destroyed.

However now we have more information and there is to be a special meeting of the CC. on Friday 21st, we should be able to consider the matter further, and would be grateful if that time is allowed before October 31st.

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Yours sincerely.

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Mrs A.J.Angus, Secretary, Ballater and Crathie Community Council.