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Dear Steve

**Mar Estate
Requests for House Sites**

Having been involved with Mar Estate since the early 80's I am very conscious of the increasing number of requests for house sites. There is a limited supply of both rented accommodation and houses for sale; perhaps unsurprisingly the younger generation, particularly those in the young married/with partner category and with local roots are keen to build their own houses.

Braemar has become a very popular place to live perhaps partly due to a changing climate which now seldom leaves the village snowbound and suffering long periods of sub-zero temperatures. I believe we have only been able to satisfy one house site request in the past 10 years and I suspect that as a result of this we have lost to the village many good families who have had to venture further afield to find a house site. Those who persevere remain on our file in the hope that some new sites will be released before long.

Besides the young couples there is also growing interest from those still in business and those retired, all of whom are looking to escape from town and in some cases from the south to enjoy the scenery and the quieter pace of life in Upper Deeside. Those families are looking for larger houses on sites with enough garden ground to provide privacy.

I am hopeful that the CNPA local plan will ease the situation to help the Estate satisfy at least some of the demand for house sites.

Yours sincerely

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