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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** David Berry  
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David

Thank you for your presentation to Boat Of Garten Community council about the Local Development Plan 2020.

I am writing to give you a few of my views, which I would be grateful if they were **treated on the basis of anonymity**. Everything I write here is designed to be really supportive and not critical as I am very aware of the constraints placed on you personally. I might have made some mistakes in my observations. [REDACTED]

1. I agree with the issues to connect Boat of Garten (BoG) using cycle paths with Grantown upon Spey. The obvious place for these cyclepaths would follow the line of the Railway. Which would also allow good connection to Dulnain Bridge too.
2. The hardest part about the plan is the method of it's construction. This is a top down process rather than bottom up means that local factors are slightly negated. Property in Aviemore and Boat of Garten doesn't stay on the housing market long as the demand is massive. I strongly believe that population growth in BoG is constrained by the property provision and cost of property rather than desire to relocate.
3. Occupancy levels and style of occupancy statistics would provide valuable evidence based approach to planning rather than stories and rumours. Second homes, hotel and holiday let occupation levels would be insightful. Eg a second house which is occupied two weekends per year might be less beneficial to the community (post office, shops and restaurants) than a holiday let occupied 90% of the year. (also cleaners, handymen, builders etc will be direct benefiaries)

These comments are solely my personal views and could be wrong.

Thank you for your time

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