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Dear Sir /Madam

I am writing in response to the consultation document recently issued by the Park for proposed Developments 2020.

I have two major concerns and one observation.

1) The proposed rezoning of the protected open space at (Frank) Spaven Drive.

This is a popular area with children and adults alike. It is one of the few spaces in Aviemore where kids can play about without prior arrangement. You regularly see them practising cycling skills, playing football or shinty. Over the last few weeks I have spoken to a number of people using the space and they do not know where else they would go. Parents see it as a safe area where kids can play and adults see it as a space where they can have a friendly kick about. There are already formal sports pitches and a community centre near the school and plenty of other venues available for hire. There are small play areas with climbing frames areas within the Robertsons estate. Both the protected open space and these play areas are used by locals and tourists alike. It is a valued amenity and it's loss would leave nowhere within the village boundary of a similar nature. I therefore object to this proposal.

2) The proposed extension of the industrial estate north into the horsefield.

This is behind the fact. The land has already been appropriated and despite the council requiring that it be reinstated by the end of 31st July 2018 is currently being used as a lorry park and seems to be being prepared for hard standing. The noise generated is unacceptable to the properties in Barclay Road and Cooper Court. I have an outstanding complaint with the planning department over this.

It is clear this ground will never be reinstated so if the park includes it in rezoning it should be with the following caveats in the event of planning permission for development being granted :

-The land should be lowered to the level of the rest of the industrial estate (from my upstairs windows it feels as if the lorries are within touching distance and people can see right into the main room)

-There should be screening ,including acoustic screening , along its Eastern boundary to mask any development from the houses on the West side of the railway.

-The screening should not mask views of the mountains beyond.

At the time of purchase of the land was zoned as green belt which was a main reason for my choice of property.

It is impossible to object to essential local employment within the Park boundary but developments such as these should be done sensitively and in keeping with the Wilderness the park is meant to celebrate.

Finally an observation. There is no doubt that more housing is needed for local people but the concept of affordable housing is not working. As an example the three plots opposite my house were intended for affordable houses but Albyn sold them three years ago and all have been purchased by incomers as second or retirement homes. What is needed is social housing. It would be good if the Park planning authority could be an advocate for this .

Yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPad