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Cairngorm National Park Authority
Grantown-on-Spey PH26 3BR

Dear Sirs

Local Development Plan 2020 - Calvine, former Struan School

I wish to comment on the proposal to identify the former Struan Primary School in Calvine as a community use allocation.

Firstly, I would like to point out that I found out about this proposal put forward by Perth and Kinross Councillor Xander McDade purely by accident. Cllr McDade did not consult with any of us living in the village, particularly ourselves and a neighbour whose property is also adjacent to the former school. I also question if there is a possible conflict of interest on Cllr McDade's part. He is part-owner of land in the area and could possibly benefit if the value of land increases following any building of houses on the school site.

Further points:

1. Public Transport – whilst this is available, it is virtually impossible to effect return journeys in a reasonable time frame and there is no evening transport. I am unable to confirm, but I have heard that P & K Council are planning to reduce the subsidy to the companies offering school transport.
2. The nearest local shops are 5 miles away and the nearest supermarket (The Co-op) 13 miles away.
3. The nearest school is five miles away and will it necessarily have accommodation?
4. Infrastructure – i.e. drainage. There is no mains drainage available! Several years ago, a development for three houses on a site at the other end of the village was rejected for this reason.
5. Another site in the village has been up for sale for at least 5 years!
6. A house in the village has been unoccupied and on the market for at least two years.
7. The new A9 dual carriageway will be extremely close to the site.
8. I also question if there is long-term employment available.

There are a number of sites in and around Pitlochry which would not have the above concerns.

Yours faithfully

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