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Subject: Consultation on the proposed development plan.

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Dear Sir,

We visited the Ballater presentation and two things struck us;

- The proposal for housing development, particularly affordable housing.

Whilst some truly affordable housing would benefit Ballater, the scale of the indicated development seems to present the possibility that we would have many more houses than jobs for their residents.

We are sure the idea is not to build a dormitory for commuters to Aberdeen, so houses should be balanced with jobs should they not?

It was not apparent at the meeting in Ballater that this balance had been addressed.

- The proposed development is in an area which was subject to the flooding a couple of years back. How this peril would be avoided was very vague at the presentation.

No doubt these observations will apply to other development ideas too.

We trust our comments are helpful and addressed.

Frank and Lesley Valentine