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Dear Sir,

Inner Moray Firth Local Plan - Call for Protection of Sites

As a resident in the Community of Strathnairn, I wish to call for enforceable protection against any future development occurring, whether individual or group housing, which will cause further loss of woodland in the village and surroundings of Inverarnie.

The remaining elements of woodland, whether private or belonging to the Forestry Commission, are an essential part of the aesthetic make up of the village. The woodlands and remaining trees give character and enhance the present housing patterns and can create environmentally friendly buffer zones. Woodlands and tree areas promote the biodiversity of areas and are an essential and integral part of our cultural and spiritual human landscape and we would now like them protected against development. The exceptions being, that the removal of any individual tree/s should only occur in the event of danger, disease, or extremes of nuisance.

Despite tree retention requirements being set into a Local Plan, it is feared that under certain circumstances a Developer may try to gradually remove areas of woodland so as to offer a better chance for a later planned development. I would ask the Council to note the current areas of existing woodland in and around Inverarnie and to take steps to prevent any development taking place in these woodland areas, even if trees are cut down in advance and during the progress of a new Local Plan.

Yours faithfully



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