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Re:- Land/Building at Coupers Yard, Shore Street Helmsdale

Dear Sir

I am writing with regards to the proposal from Helmsdale & District Development Trust. We have some concerns regarding the proposals, mainly the development of campervan aire and glamping pods. Even if this facility was to be supplied the campervan owners would not use the facility when they can park at the harbor carpark for free. The campervans bring nothing to the village, owners hardly use the shops or pubs in the village.

I totally agree that something should be done with the site but providing this facility would not be helping the residents of Helmsdale particular those above the site. It would provide no jobs for the village. If the site was used to grow businesses and help create jobs this would be a better proposal. The site is on a flood risk area and so this should be taken into consideration.

There have been other sites suggested for these facilities away from the village and resident's one being The Ponds which we feel would be a much better proposal. Somewhere should be provided for the campervans as it is becoming impossible for residents on the Harbour with the amount of vehicles over the summer months, but I doubt they would use it choosing to park without paying.

We would welcome any proposal that created jobs and help business to grow, but we oppose the site for campervans and glamping pods.

Yours sincerely

