

To: Brian Archibald, Development Plan Officer

WEST HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS LOCAL PLAN

Covering Lochaber, Lochalsh and Skye

Notes on local Plan from Valerie & John Rose

In 1990, we moved into our house in Glasdrum Road. One of the reasons we moved here was that although it was close to Fort William, the setting and environment was very rural. We did not anticipate that large scale housing developments or other amenities would be built behind us.

We are objecting to this planned development for the following reasons:

- a) The land behind us as designated in plan MU17 is very hilly, boggy and totally unsuitable for a playing field.
- b) A large amount of flora will be destroyed in this development. Part may be designated as a SSSI.
- c) There are numerous animals and birds which will be disturbed by this development
- d) There are serious problems already with drainage of the hill as found with the current construction work on this land and on the Heathercroft Development.
- e) The pedestrian path between the Plantation and Upper Achintore passes behind our house. This is already a source of vandalism, trial bikes, noise and even brush & broom fires being started by local youth in the spring and summer months. This will increase if this development goes ahead.
- f) This development will require an access road, changing rooms, etc. and has not been mentioned in the plan.
- g) A new area within MU17 has been used by the contractor of Heathercroft Development to deposit & store soil and rock. Has this been taken into account in the Local Plan?

Other comments

- h) We have had to endure, in the last year, the noise, inconvenience, disturbance, flouting of planning regulations by the contractors of Heathercroft development and do not wish this to occur again.
- i) According to local plan document Page 12, it is estimated that
Additional dwellings (Houses) required 2008 – 2018 **+767**

Yet on pages 62-65, the total units to be built is over 2100. Even taking into account that some of this total is business units, there seems to be a gross over-estimate of units to be built and does not help the credibility of this plan.

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