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16th February 2009.

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

Cairngorms Local Plan: Pre-Inquiry Procedure Meeting 16th March 2009

I refer to the proposal in the above draft local plan as modified to allocate just over 16 hectares of land north-east of Monaltrie Park for up to 250 dwellings. I am helping some of the objectors to this proposal (principally Messrs Houston, Swan and BRD's B Wright) prepare a case. I would be very grateful if you would either refer us to or supply us with copies of reports of the Council, its Committees or officers which would give us information and evidence as to the following:

- (a) the attitude of Aberdeenshire Council to the number of houses proposed for Ballater in this draft local plan as it appears not to be in conformity with the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Structure Plan (NEST) especially policies 9 and 10 on page 34;
- (b) the building of houses in the Marr area of the Aberdeenshire Rural Market in implementation of the Structure Plan if possible by settlements and numbers of houses awaiting start or construction in pursuance of planning permissions in the above areas;
- (c) the ^{local} housing strategies for areas in the Aberdeenshire Rural Market and changes made or likely in consequence of the suspensions of the right to buy;
- (d) affordable housing, discernible results of it being required in private developments and attempts to secure affordable housing specifically for local people in particular areas such as Ballater where it is accepted that there is a special need;
- (e) the fluctuations or trends in the numbers attending Ballater ^{school} especially since 1980 and the capacity of the school for increased numbers and similar figures for other schools in western Aberdeenshire ~~and~~ their sustainability;
- (f) second homes especially in Ballater and the rest of Aberdeenshire in the National Park;
- (g) the number of houses built in Ballater since the war in various periods preferably yearly ~~or~~ and their location.

I suspect that the above matters have already been addressed and very much hope therefore that you will be able largely to meet this request.

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