

The Head of Planning and Development,
Perth & Kinross Council
35 Kinnoull Street,
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Dear Sirs,

Scone Planning Matters

The results of a survey, carried out recently on behalf of our Community Council, were handed into Perth & Kinross Council on 1st September 2016.

In response we received a letter, dated 19th September 2016, reference 707355, which has raised a number of concerns to ourselves.

We intend to respond separately in due course on a number of topics but considered that we should, as a matter of urgency, seek your correction on one very important statement made in the letter.

On page 4 of the letter, under the heading “Question 5”, your Planning Officer states “The CTLR is a committed project”, which is of huge significance.

In terms of the Adopted Perth & Kinross Local Plan great significance has been placed on the statement “To prevent a reduction in Air Quality and increased congestion in the Bridgend area of Perth, there will be an embargo on further planning consents for housing for sites of 10 or more, until such time as the construction of the CTLR is a committed project”.

If the CTLR was indeed a committed project this would immediately remove this embargo on potentially over 870 houses in areas of North Scone, Glebe School, Perth Airport, Balbeggie, Burrelton, Kinrossie and Wolfhill.

In January 2016 we received a definition from Perth & Kinross Council on the meaning of “Committed Project”, which stated –

“The CTLR will only become a committed project when the project is developed to an appropriate level of design and the required package of funding has been assembled. The project will also require to have the requisite planning consents and statutory Orders/requirements all in place and will ultimately require formal approval by the full Council”.

It is obvious from other correspondence regarding the CTLR design and the further statements made by your Planning Officer in the letter, that requirements stated in the PKC definition have not been complied with in many respects.

The ongoing confused situation is intolerable and is causing unnecessary concerns, which are totally avoidable

We would request that, as a matter of urgency, you issue an immediate retraction of the “committed project” status as stated by your officer, until such time as the requirements of the PKC definition are complied with.

Yours faithfully
For Scone & District Community Council

Hazel Mackinnon
Secretary