

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

Proposed Housing Development at North Scone (H29)

A & J Stevens submitted a Proposal of Application Notice, Ref. No. 15/00017/PAN for the above development North of Scone.

Scone and District Community Council are seeking information from Perth & Kinross Council regarding the above development of 700 houses.

Our understanding of the Development timeline is as follows:

- In 2007 this proposal was supported by only 9%-10% of Scone residents, in response to the questionnaire to villagers issued by P&KC.
- In 2010 the Main Issues Report was issued for public consultation, which resulted in considerable concerns being raised by the public in Scone and our Community Council.
- In 2012 P&KC issued a Proposed Local Development Plan for consultation and the H29 development would be subject to a new Tay Bridge being built, as part of the Cross Tay Link Road.
- In 2014 the Scottish Government Reporter, following an appeal by A&J Steven, overturned this part of the Proposed Local Plan by allowing 100 houses to be built, prior to any road construction. The remaining 600 houses being consented when the CTRL becomes a 'committed project' ie before the Bridge is built. There was no public consultation on this change.

We also understand that:

- Pollution levels (NOX) have been above permitted levels since 2011 at Bridgend and continue to be above permitted levels when last reported in 2015.
- P&KC, in their own published documents, are aware of severe traffic congestion in this area

Bearing in mind the above details, we are seeking information on the following matters:-

- Was the Reporter aware of the levels of pollution/traffic congestion at Bridgend when he/she overturned the recommendation of P&KC to delay the Development until the bridge was built?
- Who is liable for the predicted increase in respiratory and cardiac disease and death based on the continuation of this pollution and its worsening by the 100, then 600 houses before the bridge is built? We understand that P&KC has our best interests at heart but

we are concerned in respect of P&KC liability regarding their approval of the Reporter's decision, when they were in full possession of the facts re pollution. Could the Council be sued by persons contracting such illnesses because of the clear published links between such pollution levels and its effect of ill health and death?

- In 2014 in their Examination of the Local Development plan the Scottish Government Reporter, on p469, stated "The engagement associated with production of the LDP has been more positive and the opposition appears to have reduced". We request sight of any evidence supporting this statement, made in a published document, as we consider this may be based on responses to the 2012 Proposed Plan.
- Once the bridge is built there would appear to be an assumption that all traffic will flow down the CTRL. However concerns have been raised that no driver will use the link to go to Edinburgh or Dundee, as the link dumps them at very congested sites such as Broxden and Inveralmond roundabouts, etc. We would request details of any appraisals carried out, previously or currently, which recommended that bypass be formed past Scone, similar to that carried out in 1996/7?

In order that we can take these matters into account when dealing with the proposed application of the H29 Development, we would request an early response to the above questions.

The public attending our Community Council meeting have asked that we formally request t P&KC once again to organise a Village questionnaire, regarding the 100 houses to be built now, and the overall 700 houses when the bridge is a 'committed project', to ensure that the Council is fully appraised of the views of the Village.

Yours faithfully
For Scone & District Community Council

Hazel MacKinnon
Secretary