

Barbara Renton,
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Dear Ms Renton,

Scone Planning Matters

The Adopted Perth & Kinross Local Plan, which was adopted in 2014, placed great significance 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”***.

The terminology “Committed Project” appeared to ourselves as vague and in January 2016, in response to a Freedom of Information Inquiry, 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”.

We have in the last few months received correspondence from your Planning Department, which states ***“The CTLR is a committed project”***.

In addition we have been informed by the Planner representing the Perth Airfield Developer that they have received correspondence from your Roads Department, which states ***“The CTLR was now a committed project and that if the application was successful then it could be anticipated that 10 houses could be built by 2020, 20 houses in 2021 and 20 houses in 2022”***.

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.

It is obvious from other correspondence regarding the CTLR design and the further statements made by your planning department, that requirements stated in the PKC definition

have not been complied with in many respects and therefore the CTLR **cannot be a “committed project”**

The incorrect use of the terminology “**Committed Project**” is causing great concern to the general public and is also providing false hopes to Developers.

We have written directly to the Head of Planning to request that the totally avoidable intolerable situation is rectified without delay.

We note however that both Departments, we are aware of, are within your area of responsibility and we would request a meeting with you directly to discuss this matter, in an attempt to ensure that similar concerns do not arise with these and any other Departments under your control.

Yours faithfully
For Scone & District Community Council

Hazel MacKinnon
Secretary