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Dear Chairman and Panel Members

Review Ref No: 10/00010/LRB  
Planning Application Ref: 10/00040/PPP  
Plot 4, Ardnacross Farm, Peninver, Campbeltown, PA29 6QP

I wish to make further representation on the above case for the following reasons:-

I feel very strongly that Mr Watson has, in this case, taken every reasonable step to comply with the wishes of our Planning Department. As a result of the local plan, landscape capacity assessments have been conducted in various areas of Argyll & Bute. It is my understanding that these studies were conducted in areas which were deemed to be in economic decline in order that further areas for potential development in the rural countryside could be identified. When the capacity assessment was done in South Kintyre, I felt that it was fundamentally flawed in that it showed a lack of consistency - a point I made at the an Area Committee meeting earlier this year

Any area of land within Ardnacross Farm is subject to Archaeological clearance before any planning permission can be granted. The study in South Kintyre took no recognition of housing sites which already had outline planning permission. Had it done so, it would have identified Plot 4 as being adjacent to the two sites owned by Mr Watson which already have permission and have been cleared of any further requirement for archaeological digs. As far as I am concerned, this is a key point of this appeal.

The Landscape Capacity Assessment Consultants identified an area of land at Ardnacross Farm which they deemed suitable for potential development. Ironically, Mr Watson had originally requested permission to develop **this exact area** from the Planning Department only to be told it was unsuitable! As a result, the Planning Department identified an alternative area for development. Three sites within this alternative area have since received clearance on completion of archaeological digs but only two have received outline planning permission. Mr Watson therefore urgently requires planning permission for the third site ie., 'Plot 4' in order to make the project viable. If Mr Watson was to seek permission to develop sites outwith the area identified by the Planning Dept., this would incur the cost of yet another archaeological dig with no guarantee of a positive outcome.

What was meant to be a simple process has effectively turned out to be unnecessarily complicated and onerous on both a financial and personal level for Mr Watson.

I would therefore respectfully request that the local review body either reverses the decision of the planning department and grant permission for Plot 4, or agree to Mr Watson's request for a site visit and a local hearing in Campbeltown.

Councillor Donald Kelly

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