

10th September 2015

Mr Darren Westmacott
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High Street
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Dear Mr Westmacott

**Re: Your Reference DW/LR132
Notice of Review: 15/00780/APP**

Further to your letter dated 1st September, please find below my comments.

This proposed building will form a linear development of four houses in a row, which does not exist anywhere else along this road. It is not at all consistent with the existing dwellings. All the other properties have at least one field between them; indeed the only exception to this will be the house that will be built on the other side of our property. This accumulation will detract **completely** from the character and setting of existing buildings and the surrounding area. The reason people choose to live in the country is to have space around them, not to live in a row of houses, as you would do within a town or village. **This proposed development does not comply with Moray's development plan** and this area will soon end up resembling a village in the middle of the countryside, without any of the amenities.

The developers believe that moving the house into the field (directly in our view) will negate a linear development. This is not so. The house is still close enough to the roadside to be clearly visible. Also building in the central area of a field is not acceptable – as below.

Obtrusive development (i.e. on a skyline, artificially elevated ground or in open settings such as the central area of a field) will not be acceptable;

Whilst I understand that there is a demand for housing in the countryside, we also need to protect the countryside from over development and retain areas of natural beauty.

Please refer to the Siting on the Moray Development Plan, item

c) It does not contribute to a build-up of development where the number of houses has the effect of changing the rural character of the area.

Particular attention will be given to proposals in the open countryside where there has been a significant growth in the number of new house applications;

On this road alone, there are 16 plots, some of which are in the planning stage but the majority have been granted planning already. There are three sites currently for sale within a mile of this proposed development so there is ample opportunity for people to live within this area on one of the sites where planning permission has already been granted.

Therefore I would respectfully ask the panel to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely

Martina Ayres