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Sent:

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18 October 2023 16:28

To:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Re: Planning Application 23/00340/APP - 1 Bayview Road, Cullen

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your email.

I stand by what I have already mentioned in my objection.

This is an eyesore and detracts from the natural beauty of Cullen.

I appreciate what the owner has tried to suggest that the dinosaur head has invoked various emotions but this does not provide sufficient evidence that the head is an artefact.

The owner suggests that footfall into his shop has increased, please provide evidence. Cullen is a busy village and has always attracted many, many tourists, from near and far, due to its natural beauty!

Cullen is a historic village, when you drive or walk through the town and pass under the viaducts, the last thing you wish to see marring your beautiful outlook across the bay is a dinosaur head, regardless of make, composition etc. It is not historical and not in keeping with Cullen's heritage.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

On 18 Oct 2023, at 16:45, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon

Please find attached notification of a review of the above planning application.

If you have any further representations to make please have these to us by 1 November 2023.

Regards

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From:

Sent:

[REDACTED]
19 October 2023 12:05

To:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Re: Planning Application 23/00340/APP - 1 Bayview Road, Cullen

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Hello Lindsay,

I thought there might be a retrospective planning application submitted for this monstrosity! It shows the complete arrogance of the applicant that he can disregard planning regulations in the first place and then apply for retrospective planning.

If this is granted it will be open to abuse and shows a lack of respect for the Council Planning Department and to other applicants who **do** follow the Council guidelines and apply in the correct order.

Cullen is an area of natural beauty where locals and visitors to the area, (much needed for the local economy) appreciate this beauty. The ghastly Dinosaur structure detracts from this and it overlooks the Seatown, which is a Conservation area.

If children want to see Dinosaurs, they can travel a few miles down the road to Landmark at Carrbridge. The actual structure on which it is erected is in a dreadful state of repair and with the predicted storms and severe weather warnings we are currently receiving, this could be a danger to life should it topple from the building. I am quite sure it devalues the residential property nearby who have to look out on this on a daily basis and when lit up at night it is not a pretty sight.

I do hope common sense prevails and the Council listen to the views of the residents who pay Council Tax and wish this awful structure removed.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Oct 2023, at 13:55, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 October 2023 19:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LMR/LR294 - Dinosaur Head objection

Good Morning,

This letter is in response to the Dinosaur Head on the roof of 1 Bayview Road, Cullen.

I also however wish my previous objections on the matter to be taken into consideration.

It's disappointing when we go to look at our previous objections, and others objections and comments, on the previous application 23/00340/app that we cannot view our or others previous comments as part of the objection process for this LR294 submission.

1. The property in question is in Cullen conservation area. It's on the councils own map of conservation area parts of Cullen. May I point out the councils own controls in this, listed on Moray council website, which clearly says - "minor works such as, window and door replacement, external painting, erection of fences etc" requires planning permission.

This is interesting, as the property in question not only put a huge fibreglass dinosaur (which has no historical significance to the area) on its roof, the guy then decided to paint a huge lobster on the side of the wall. And I suspect that painting hasn't had planning authorisation either, and your controls say it should have too... After an application assessment by the Council, which determined the dinosaur head should be removed as retrospective application to keep it there refused, now we find ourselves back in this situation again with someone who very clearly doesn't feel rules apply to him.

Well, if this is acceptable, don't be surprised if everyone starts painting windows and changing them to styles to suit themselves, as we can't have 1 rule for some and not for others, so why should the rest of us not also please ourselves? Then let's see what the conservation area ends up looking like.

Please let's just be sensible here and say "no, conservation means conservation, and rules are made to be followed not broken", and tell this guy to take this thing down.

2. There are cracks on the walls of this building, this structure is held down with sandbags, which you can see from the street behind it, so must be a lot of sandbags piled high. Has the building roof been assessed for safety of taking this clearly very heavy thing - has additional internal roof support beams been installed, if so why hasn't external wall structure cracks been repaired ? Customers will be in this shop, it may be deteriorating the roof structural rigidity, particularly after things like Storm Babet hitting it, that could cause deterioration of the roof, or damage to the dinosaur head, which could break off (this location is in an exposed to sea/elements site, on the main road) and as such could easily cause an accident.

3. Traffic Distraction - this head now has lighting to highlight it at night. If you are travelling north on the A98, downhill on the Main Street, you turn left and this building is immediately in front of you. It catches your eye that the dinosaur head is illuminated now, right after a steep downhill bend, on a corner. Do we feel that distraction to motorists at night is beneficial to their concentration ? Cullen is a place where we have previously requested and not had granted a pedestrian crossing (anywhere in the village / town) there isn't an authorised crossing anywhere. Is having additional distractions for drivers in the darkness hours after a sharp corner of the dinosaur head likely to be beneficial to any pedestrians crossing, as one of the main pedestrian pathways to the Seatown area of Cullen is right next to this building.

Regards
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Sent from my iPad

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 October 2023 15:38
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dinosaur Head Cullen

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Dear Ms Robinson,

NOR Planning Application 23/00340/APP
Dinosaur Head at 1 Bayview Road Cullen

Thank you for the opportunity of further comment on the appeal grounds for the dinosaur head. Ever since 1917 when Marcel Duchamp exhibited a urinal and called it 'Fountain', any piece of art could be called art. Any imagined artistic merit of the dinosaur head is irrelevant. The presence of it contravenes the planning conditions as already decided. As to the public response generated, any orchestrated media campaign creates a heightened level of engagement.

Were the Council to allow this appeal, the precedent then set would render the planning process for any extension, outcrop or alteration in the designated conservation area completely redundant.

Yours sincerely

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