

Response: Email Representation No. 2

Thank you for your representation to the Statutory Consultation in respect of the proposed change of use of the common good asset.

As outlined in the consultation document, the proposal has been developed to minimise the area of common good land being used during the construction period so that the park, swing park, footpath and playing fields can still be used by the public, and on completion the majority will be returned for public use with improved drainage to enhance community use of the green space/ playing fields for future use. I would note that the proposal for a bus drop off is inclusive of a shared footway/ cycleway and therefore this amenity would be retained for use by the public.

A planning application will need to be separately submitted for consideration which would consider the design, layout, noise and transport assessment which would involve an assessment of the capacity/operation of the existing network and will identify any areas where intervention/ mitigation is necessary in order to address any additional traffic generated as a result of the development. With regards drainage issues that you raise I can confirm that the flood maps are currently being remodelled taking into account climate change and will be taken into account within the design.

It should be noted that the proposed footpath adjacent to the pavilion, the proposal notes that this requirement is subject to detail design, however, was included in the consultation for information.

In relation to your point on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the consultation was launched on 18 September 2024, open till 12 November 2024, with the full consultation document available on the Council website. The consultation was advertised in the Forres Gazette, Press and Journal and Northern Scot with posters displayed at Forres Library and Forres Community Centre. It was also advertised through Moray Council social media channels with local community groups also contacted to advise of the consultation. Once the consultation closes the council will take all representations into account in reaching a decision.

Regards

Moray Council Learning Estate Team