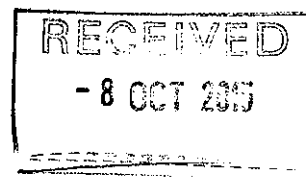


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Date:- 1st October 2015

Ref. **Planning Application 151082** - Calder Park, Redmoss.
Proposed 3 storey secondary school with associated sports facilities, floodlit 3G pitch, hard and soft landscaping, car parking, bus drop off and access road.

Dear Gavin,

I write, to forward the views of Nigg Community Council in respect of the above application.

Firstly, I must state, that although Nigg CC have no objections to the application in principal, we wish to make known, our serious concerns on other matters relating to, and in conjunction with, this application.

Safety - our most serious concern, – how do pupils get to and from the school safely. ???

Access :-

During pre-planning consultation sessions, it was intimated that the children from Torry (who are furthest from the proposed school) are to be transported to and from the new school, by bus – this has never been confirmed in writing.

Who will pay for the buses. ??? If buses are provided, will they be subsidised, or fully paid for by ACC, or are parents expected to contribute towards the provision of these school buses. ???

Torry is termed as a deprived area, therefore we can assume, that any costs being levied on parents towards providing subsidise buses, will put additional financial pressure on all families currently on low or fixed incomes.

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Supporting documents suggest, 80% of the pupils will walk or cycle to school, but, is it acceptable, to have pupils walk or cycle (up to 3 miles from the furthest point), up a long steep hill, cross Wellington Road, (one of the busiest and most polluted main roads in the city), to get to and from school. ??? Practical walking trials by groups, (one stopped by police, being deemed unsafe), confirmed this could add an additional 1hr travelling time before and after school – in all weathers.

In addition to crossing Wellington Road, the pupils who walk / cycle from Torry will be likely to cross West Tullos Road, (another very busy dual carriageway) before crossing Abbotswell Crescent to gain passage onto Redmoss Road along which, is a proposed school access.

Recent studies by ACC, have shown that during peak periods, up to **700 vehicles per hr.** use the West Tullos Road / Redmoss Road / Abbotswell Crescent junction.

Exactly the same time, pupils would be going to, or leaving school.

Pupils from Cove and Altens, will also face similar problems as those from Torry, as they too, will have to cross the very busy (A956) Wellington Road, in order to gain access to the proposed new school.

Pupils from Kincorth / Leggart, will face safe access problems, with those in Leggart, being the most challenging, by having to cross the A90 (Stonehaven Road), close to one of the cities busiest traffic hot spots – **“The Bridge of Dee”** junction. **BOTH** the Kincorth and Leggart pupils would also have to navigate around farmland, where fields with livestock, separate these communities from the proposed new school.

It should also be noted, that the selected site, is situated in the middle of a busy industrial area, with narrow, and at times dangerous access.

Currently, planning consent has been granted for a **“Travellers Halting Site”** to the East of the school, and a new **football stadium** for Cove Rangers (with training pitches to be shared with the school) to the North, with outline permission, for **1067 houses** to be built on land to the South of the school. More imminently, IKEA and a supermarket, are set to occupy part of the MAKRO building, (on Wellington Circle), which is on the main access road to the proposed new school.

All of these will impact on traffic volume within the immediate area.

Comment should be noted, re. the ongoing construction of the AWPR which is due for completion in 2017. As Wellington Road is the direct link between the AWPR and the harbour, the projected increase in traffic volume, will significantly increase the dangers for both pedestrians and cyclists.

“Aberdeen Harbour Board” are currently holding consultation events, to inform the public of their intention to create a New Harbour at Nigg Bay. A new harbour, would require a new access road to link Nigg Bay to Wellington Road. This again, would lead to increased traffic volume, with additional dangers for pedestrians and cyclists particularly from HGV vehicles.

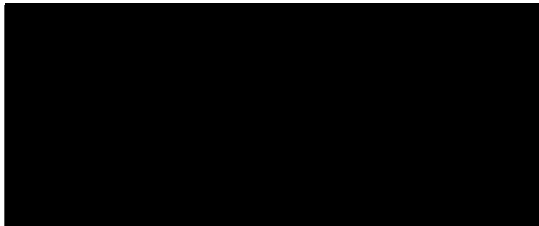
ACC have indicated their intention to build a “Waste Transfer Plant” (at Altens East), and an “Incinerator” (in East Tullos), both of which, are seen likely to process waste from the “City”, “Shire” and “Moray”. This would result in a significant increase in HGV movements on Wellington Road, again increasing the potential dangers to pedestrians and cyclists.

At this time, no comment has been made, on the possible additional dangers, for pupils who need to make alternate arrangements to get home, after participating in after school activities.

We respectfully request, that you accept and acknowledge, that all of the above points, are serious material facts, which need to be investigated, and addressed, prior to determining the application.

“The safety of our children is the paramount concern”.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Strachan chair
(for and on behalf of Nigg CC)

cc. Cllr's. N. Cooney / A. Finlayson / S. Flynn