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Comment for Planning Application 160422

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Comment : These observations are made by the Chairman of the Owners Group at Woodland Grove, Milltimber, following consultation at a general meeting owners.

1. The proposal to remove the bus stop on the south side of the N. Deeside Road to the west of the Binghill Road junction is not supported for the following reasons:-

(a) This is a bus stop frequently used by many residents and young people in the Binghill housing area, by staff of and visitors to Tornadee Care Home, and by the residents of Woodland Grove, many of whom are elderly.

(b) The removal of this bus stop will more than double the distance required to reach the Binghill Road pedestrian crossing and involve a walk along a very narrow pavement on a very busy A Class road.

(c) Young people, especially, but also others travelling west to head up Binghill Road who will have to alight at the relocated stop on the south side of the N. Deeside Road, will almost certainly be tempted not to bother with the crossings but will 'take their chance' with the traffic as they take the shortest route to the foot of Binghill Road. This will create a real accident risk.

(d) Alternatively, without the existing west bound stop near Binghill Road, those alighting at the relocated stop will use the new Cala crossing and may well head up the Oldfold Farm Road which will have much construction traffic for many months, if not years, yet thus creating an accident risk or they may cross into and shortcut through the Woodland Grove site disturbing the reasonable peace and privacy of the mainly elderly residents.

2. (a) We note that the new Cala site bus stop is already in place; (b) that the bus stop opposite Murtle Den Road has already been moved to its new location; (c) that the existing bus city-bound bus stop at the foot of Binghill Road is to remain. We are happy to support these three proposals.

We trust that these observations will be seriously considered when any decision on the application is made.

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