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Dear Sir/Madam

Application Reference: 160571
Local Authority Reference: 100011694-001
Proposal Description: Erection of Agricultural Building on agricultural land
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Address: North Linn Farm, Peterculter

I am writing to object to the above application.

The erection of the proposed building would leave very little land to sustain the keeping of livestock and the building itself is not appropriate for the housing of cattle/sheep and I have concerns for their welfare in such conditions. There is also an inordinate amount of agricultural machinery proposed for a site of this size. Mention is made of bedding and feedstuffs being brought in or harvested. This would generate additional traffic which would exceed the road capacity, being a single tarred access road with no passing place, and not designed for cattle floats, bedding/feedstuff delivery lorries, tractors, trailers etc. and would quickly cause erosion to the access road. With regard to the harvesting of feedstuff, this would leave even less land for the suitable grazing of livestock.

The land itself borders on to the Leuchar/Culter Burn, second largest tributary to the River Dee, and is classified as a Local Nature Conservation Site on the Aberdeen City Council website. The burnside provides an important corridor for wildlife. Concerned about livestock waste, the stench that comes with that, the proximity to nearby residential property and the potential for contamination of the burn affecting the plants and animals that live in it. A salmon ladder has been erected at the Culter Dam in the hope that salmon may eventually inhabit the Culter Burn for spawning. The land for the proposed agricultural building slopes down to the Culter Burn and contamination through toxic chemicals from livestock waste and soil erosion during wet periods is concerning.

There is no water supply, and a connection would not appear to be easily available.

I am concerned about noise disturbance which could be at any time, including early morning and during the night, light pollution, and puzzled as to why such an application is being made for such a small area of land which is not suitable for the purpose stated.

The proposed application would be detrimental to the amenity of the area, for the residents and for the wildlife and environment as a whole.

On these grounds I would ask that planning permission is refused.

Yours faithfully

Elaine Brown

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