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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to the planned housing development within the grounds of the fire station on Anderson Drive, (application number 151969) I wish to raise several concerns regarding the proposal. Whilst I have no objection to the provision of housing for the site, the erection of four storey flats at the entrance to the development would not be in keeping for an area of low level housing and would overlook the houses and gardens in Maryville Park and Anderson Drive infringing the privacy of the occupants.

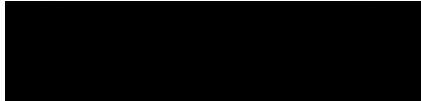
I also have grave concerns regarding the access to the site. At present we have a major problem with cars and vans travelling north on Anderson Drive making a u-turn at the Midstocket Road traffic lights in order to enter the Shell garage. Thereafter they exit the garage and either perform a dangerous and illegal u-turn at the entrance to Maryville Park or enter the Park to make a 3 point turn in order to continue their journey northwards. Many cars make this manoeuvre on a daily basis the result of which is that the road surface is wearing away at the top of the cul-de-sac.. I have made Police Scotland aware of this problem on many occasions, which they have acknowledged and to try to alleviate this they have frequently parked at the top of Maryville Park to challenge drivers making the illegal u-turn. Unfortunately they cannot stop drivers from entering Maryville Park since it is a public road.

My objection to the proposed access to the fire station development is that any residents or visitors to the new houses coming from the north would not proceed down to the roundabout at Kings Gate to come back up to the site, (which I'm sure would be the developer's preferred option), but would either perform an illegal u-turn on Anderson Drive or would access Maryville Park as described above, greatly exacerbating the present situation.

As I see it there are three potential solutions to this access problem. The first is to create a slip road into the site from the north. The second is to block off the slip road into Maryville Park, (which I do not favour since it would greatly inconvenience the residents wishing to travel south), and the third is to erect "no entry except for access" signs at the entrance to the Park. This would at least give Police Scotland the ability to enforce any infringement of this manoeuvre and encourage drivers to continue down to the Kings Gate roundabout.

I would be grateful if my concerns could be taken into consideration when looking at this planning application and I look forward to receiving your acknowledgement of my objections in due course.

Yours faithfully



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