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Dear Madam,

CBMCC Objections to AWPR Side Road and Stop-Up Road Orders

I wish to object on behalf of the Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber Community Council (CBMCC) to the following Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) Side Road and Stop-up Orders.

Culter House Road

The stopping-up of Culter House Road will channel existing traffic, which currently bifurcates into the twin options of Culter House Road and Contlaw Road, along the single option of Contlaw Road.

Of further concern is the potential for vehicles to rat run along Malcolm Road, Contlaw Road and the Milltimber residential estate roads in order to access the AWPR slip road from the west. The purpose would be to avoid AWPR-generated congestion in Culter, or the proposed traffic light-controlled junction on the A93 North Deeside Road. Increased levels of traffic on these roads will have serious safety implications, particularly for equestrians and for children walking or cycling to school in Milltimber and in Culter. Many parents will opt for driving their children to and from school, thereby exacerbating the problem.

It will also be particularly difficult for cyclists, equestrians, the elderly and parents with young children to travel from one side of Culter House Road to the other, with the AWPR cutting through it. The option of traversing the AWPR via a route along a pavement immediately adjacent to busy traffic entering and leaving the AWPR, and then having to cross a slip road, is simply unsafe, impractical and unreasonable.

This will disincline pedestrians and others from using this popular country route and will instead encourage increased use of the motor car.

Therefore, an alternative, safer form of access either under or over the AWPR needs to be considered. If not, the AWPR at this location would create an unacceptable barrier between communities to either side of it.

Old Deeside Railway Line / Station Road

The AWPR would sever the Old Deeside Railway (ODR) line. Pedestrians, particularly the elderly and parents with young children, cyclists and equestrians will be particularly affected, as will the Murtle and Camphill communities at Bielside and Milltimber.

The Murtle and Camphill communities are closely related and pupils, residents and staff all use the ODR to travel between the two. The Milltimber community is the historic hub of the Camphill communities worldwide. The proposed route of the AWPR would place a significant barrier between parts of these communities, and lies very close to the Camphill schools, resulting in significant adverse effects both during construction and operation of the AWPR.

The ODR is one of only a few non-motorised access routes from city to countryside and is heavily used by pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. Aberdeen City Council is currently upgrading the ODR to facilitate disabled access along the route. The ODR therefore currently promotes social inclusion, healthy pursuits and an appreciation of the countryside. However, the proposed route of the AWPR will cut right through the ODR. The proposed over-bridge would be some 100 m. to the north and this would entail leaving the ODR to traverse along a trafficked road, thereby raising safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.

Hence the AWPR would prevent easy access to rural facilities and tend to create problems of social exclusion.

For all of the above reasons, CBMCC objects to the above-referenced stop-up road orders.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary

On behalf of Cults, Bielside and Milltimber Community Council

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