

Tarves Community Council comments

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Aberdeenshire Council P. & E, E. & I. S. Formartine Area  
by e mail.

Dear Sir/Madam

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Councillors have discussed this application and whilst we have no objections to the principle of the proposed development, road safety issues mean we cannot support it as it stands and as such object to what is currently proposed.

The entrance to the car park would be better if it was wider than proposed to allow safer access and egress, the number of spaces should be increased to ensure adequate capacity and better provision to ensure a turning area is available at all times even when spaces are all taken.

The access road needs additional passing places and the junction with the A920 should be widened to allow traffic to safely turn off this road onto the C class access road and wait if required by vehicles coming from the facility. The A920 is a busy A road and visibility from both sides is poor, in particular for traffic approaching from Oldmeldrum that can't see a vehicle on the C class road until they are at the junction itself.

If the aforementioned improvements could be agreed we would reconsider our objection.

Yours on behalf of the Community Council

Robert P. Davidson.

Chairman.

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The recently submitted statement regarding safe access to the site suggests the use of the C35C for pedestrians and cyclists. Aberdeenshire Council's Roads Development Manager, in an email earlier this year described this road as; - **"a narrow rural road where the national speed limit applies over most of its length and the verges are in places steep and narrow giving limited opportunities for pedestrians to step off the road out of the way of passing traffic. This is not an environment where we would encourage vulnerable pedestrians to walk without creating a segregated pedestrian path".**

Our Ward 8 Councillors were also sent this by the Roads Manager. Although this was the most Easterly section of this road that was referred to, the description is correct for almost the entire length of the rural sections from Oldmeldrum to Tarves. The site is over 3.5km from Oldmeldrum using the proposed route.

Our members are of the view that there is not a safe place for a bus to stop on the A920 (in either direction) and for passengers to safely access to and from the C road and application site. These issues need to be fully investigated.

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