



West Riverside and Woodbank House (Lomond Banks) planning application **2022/0157/PPP**

Objection to the Planning Application 2022/0157/PPP

On the 8th of September 2022 the former Balloch and Haldane Community Council (BHCC) wrote a controversial letter of support for the above planning application although the community view (from a survey they had conducted) was a massive overall majority of 74% **against** the Lomond Banks Development.

The BHCC disbanded itself shortly after this as it had come to the end of its elected term, and it took several months before new elections were held. BHCC was reformed on 6th of June 2023 with newly elected Councillors and Office Bearers.

On reviewing the controversial decision made by the previous BHCC, it was decided unanimously by the newly formed BHCC at a meeting on the 8th of February 2024 to align its position with the results of the questionnaire.

This was to withdraw support for the planning application 2022/0157/PPP and align with the community's view in opposing the above planning application.

Among our grounds for objecting to the application are the following:

- The impact on the A82 during peak season, traffic in and around Balloch and parking
- The impact on public services that are already under a great deal of pressure
- The impact on local greenspace used by the local community for informal recreational purposes
- The impact on existing local businesses in the areas
- The impact on the landscape at what is often described as the Gateway to the National Park
- The amount of land that will be developed for tourism purposes in a village and community that still lacks basic facilities
- The potential impact on flooding, including properties along Old Luss Road and others

As a new community council, we are still engaging with the community about the details of local concerns and would hope to submit further comments in due course. As the body elected to represent local views, we would ask to be able to make verbal representations to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park (LLTNP) Board Meeting that is called to decide the application.

Please accept this correspondence as an objection from the BHCC to the above planning application. BHCC requests that Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park (LLTNP) confirms receipt of this notice and that they respond with how they intend to react to this announcement within 14 days.

Statement issued: 12th February 2024