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Dear Tom,

Re: Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2022

I am writing on behalf of many of my constituents who have been campaigning for several years to protect a much-loved and well used local green space, St Fittick's Community Park, in Torry, Aberdeen. I am asking you to use the powers you have under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to ensure the Local Development Plan (LDP) endorsed by Aberdeen City Council in 2022 is not adopted as it currently stands.

In the LDP 2022, St Fittick's Park has been rezoned for development. It was previously designated as Green Belt and NE1 Green Space Network land. My constituents have grave concerns that the rezoning of the Park to allow for the development of an Energy Transition Zone (ETZ) will result in severe detriment to the mental and physical health of Torry's inhabitants. These concerns are echoed by several medical practitioners across Aberdeen who have written directly to the Just Transition Commission Secretariat (letter attached). They would also like you to intervene directly and write to Aberdeen City Council, before Monday 16 January 2023, and ask them to modify the proposed LDP to exclude the entirety of Saint Fittick's Park from the proposed ETZ.

The Friends of Saint Fittick's Park have previously written a letter directly to you (letter attached) with more detailed information regarding this request to intervene.

I would appreciate it if you could investigate my constituents' concerns with urgency, and take the steps required to address the issue raised. Further, I would appreciate it if you could investigate the processes local planning authorities are using to produce and adopt plans for the development of infrastructure required for the Just Transition. It should not be the case that development is automatically allowed by virtue of being under the Just Transition banner: justice in the "just transition" approach requires genuine transparency and effective consideration of the views of local residents.

Thank you and I look forward to your response which I will make public.

Yours sincerely,

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