



Planning application: 2016/0126/DET

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Comments: On behalf of the Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, the independent conservation and heritage charity covering the National Park, I am writing to formally object to this major housing development in the village of Drymen for the following reasons:

1. The scale of the proposed development is contrary to current Local Development Plan housing allocation for this area. The current Local Development Plan identifies a maximum of 36 and 30 (total 66) houses for this area and at the proposed 95 (previously 101) this is 44% higher. This represents a substantial increase and can only be achieved by increasing housing density and reducing amenity space which will be detrimental to the character of the village and its attractive setting.
2. The scale and density of the proposed development will result in a substantial increase in the population of what is a relatively small village and place a strain on the existing infrastructure and services such the Drymen Health Centre and village primary school.
3. The suburban nature of the development is out of character with the conservation village and detracts from the special qualities of this small rural village which is a popular tourist and day trip destination.

Given the widespread concerns in the community about the scale of the development the developer should be encouraged to reconsider the number of houses proposed and come forward with a revised scheme which is more in line with the Local Development Plan housing allocations. This would give scope for a less dense development with more amenity space that is more in keeping with the conservation status of the village and its special setting at a key entry point to east Loch Lomondside.

We accept given the long planning history associated with this site that the principle of housing is established but we object to the high number and density of housing proposed.