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**An Independent Councillor** 



Dear Resident

## Perth & Kinross Council Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) Fossoway Community Council Meeting, 7 November at Crook Primary School, 7.30pm

You may recall the Community Consultation Event at Crook Hall on 18 February 2017 regarding the above and A977 Mitigation Measures.

The Council's proposed plan will be considered at a special meeting of the Council on 22 November 2017 and local members will have to decide what amendments they wish to move in relation to policies and site zonings.

The purpose of this letter is to appraise you of a final opportunity to discuss the site zoning east of the village hall in Crook of Devon at the Community Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> of this month.

At the February 2017 consultation it became clear that the original proposal for this site was opposed by approximately 60% of respondents in relation to detail, scale and impact. The Community Council have opposed re-zoning of the site but are not unanimous.

The local members currently are minded to support a smaller phased development of reduced density because of a number of community benefits offered and suggested, consideration being given for zoning the land as a mixed use opportunity site.

Following an analysis of responses and discussions with planning officers and the landowners, we understand that a revised proposal could form the basis for developing a rezoned site, as follows:-

- 1. An almost 50% reduction in housing numbers, with 50% of same being 'affordable'. As things stand, if no other proposals are put forward for the rural areas of the shire, no affordable housing will be built before 2028.
- 2. Market research into need for employment site (currently Crook of Devon is the only large village in Fossoway without one) and farm shop viability.
- 3. A 'contribution' to A977 mitigation measures being considered for consultation with the community, thereby releasing some budgetary allocation for other measures between Blairingone and Kinross.
- 4. A need to further investigate the capacity issues of the Crook and Drum WWTP's is needed, only an <u>appropriate</u> 'growth' project would unlock public funding.
- 5. A sensitive and significant landscape framework to the site, along the A977 to the 'gateway' at the eastern end and to protect the setting of the village hall.
- 6. Improved footpaths, safe routes to school and community recreational access to Crook Moss.
- 7. Enhanced car parking provision at the village hall.

Local members are particularly keen to hear your views on whether or not an amendment to include the site as a mixed use opportunity in LDP2, for further consultation, incorporating the above, would be supported.

I hope you can come along and give your views or alternatively contact myself or one of my fellow local ward members.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Michael Barnacle

Independent Member for Kinross-shire