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Dear Mr Morris

Siting of Residential Caravan Application No. P/15/0289/FUL : Review

I believe the refusal of planning permission for siting of a residential caravan should be upheld because:

- 1 It is contrary to the local plan in an area designated by the council to be of high landscape value.
 - *The continued destruction of this wooded area is distressing to witness as it is being trashed. A further group of mature scots pine have been effectively been killed as heavy metal cables have been cut into the flesh of the trees and staples and nails have been hammered into the trunk to facilitate a tree house and zip line. I note the occupier has said they will make good the stipulation of tree planting on the site – difficult to have faith in this when existing mature woodland is being destroyed in this way.*
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- 2 There was no mention of any agricultural business being operated here until this was pointed out by the council planning authority
 - *I am worried that this has now been included for consideration in order to persuade the council that permission should be granted. There is no agricultural business here and has not been in the 9 years I have lived here.*
- 3 The original application says work has started on the dwelling site – it has not. A simple visit to the site would confirm this.
- 4 The application says there are no trees on the site.
 - *There are about 70 mature trees. These and the surrounding area provide habitats to protected wildlife – Ravens, Pipistrelle Bats and Badgers.*

In summary, it would appear that the 'appropriate agricultural business' has now been included for review in retrospect when this has not previously been mentioned. I find that suspicious and worry

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for the future treatment of this area. The caravan is an eyesore, against local plan and adversely affects the appearance of the area including the view from the council maintained core path that runs next to it. There have been years upon years of distress caused to the residents of this area by successive owners of the site and continued flouting of the rules and conditions attached to this area. The whole site has been turned into a tip over the years and an area of high landscape value is in the process of being lost.

I believe the review committee should uphold the original decision for the above reasons.

Yours faithfully,

Allan McMillan.

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]