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**From:** Louise Blance  
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Hi Brent,

I would offer the following comments on the above application:

I'm aware there's a long planning history and previous planning applications on the north west side of Glen Road. Historically the common thread being housing in this location is outwith the village limit of Torwood, and therefore contrary to the development plan with no outweighing material considerations provided.

In terms of this application there is no change in the policy circumstances, with the policy position reinforced more recently with the adoption of LDP2 in August 2020. The site lies outwith the village limit of Torwood within designated countryside. The criteria for assessing housing proposals in the countryside is set out in LDP2 (August 2020) Policy HC03 – Housing in the Countryside. There is no evidence submitted that the 9 houses are required to support a rural economic activity or complies with any of the other circumstances contained in Policy HC03. The applicant perhaps tries to suggest in the Planning Statement that a precedent has been set and the proposed housing would provide a mirror image of the existing housing on the north west side of Glen Road – this is not an acceptable justification.

I recall Phillip Harris had involvement in previous applications in this general location in Torwood, specifically in relation to the woodland and maybe unauthorised tree felling? I have checked on location centre and the site is within an area of Ancient Woodland, although I think the area has been subject to clearing? It might be worth consulting Scottish Forestry to find out the latest position on this.

In my view the application is contrary to LDP2 and should be resisted.

Regards  
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