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I am writing as a resident of Avoch with the following general comments:

There has been a significant expansion of housing in Avoch over recent years and planning permission already exists for a large number of houses. I am therefore concerned that any further housing expansion would be detrimental to the character of the village and would have an adverse impact on services. It would also lead to further increases in traffic levels both within and beyond the village. I would also question the sustainability of any such expansion given the limited employment and service opportunities in the village. There may however be a case for affordable or social housing.

Several areas have been considered for housing expansion in the past but not taken up, and these areas should be looked at afresh given. The village has already grown and we are now in a very different position with regard to sustainability than we were when these sites were last considered, for example the field at Knockmuir East.

I would be concerned about any further proposals for housing within Rosehaugh Estate which affect areas used for public recreation and which are important for their landscape and nature conservation interest.

I would also like to stress the importance of retaining the open green areas within the village centre, which are important for residents of all ages.

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