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Cllr Dan De'ath

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Sent by email: [cabinetsupportteam@cardiff.gov]

12 September 2023,

Dear Dan,

We write on behalf of our constituents in Danescourt, to register their objections to the inclusion of the land at De Braose Close as a candidate site in the Replacement Local Development Plan.

We have previously written to represent their objections to planning applications for the same site, and the primary grounds for objection to the development of the site remain unchanged.

1. **Access:** Access to the site would only be possible via De Braose Close and Radyr Court Road, both of which are quiet residential roads. These minor roads would not be able to support the additional traffic the development of this site would create and there would be a significant impact on the residents of these two roads.
2. **Environment:** The development of the site would require the destruction of its woodlands. We increasingly receive correspondence from constituents expressing the significance of environmental protection and the need for action against climate change, the retention of urban green spaces such as this site are pivotal in our contribution towards this. The small patch of woodland at this site in Danescourt is very important to residents as an amenity for exercise, access to nature and an active travel connection with the Taff Trail.

There have been multiple applications to develop this site in recent years, and each application has seen many objections raised by residents to both our shared office and with Cardiff Council. We share the view of many residents that this site is not a suitable candidate site for any form of development.

In general, we also believe that the case for further development sites is not a strong one, given the continuing availability of sites already identified for these purposes. At the time of the original LDP production the City Council 's approach rested on its assumptions about housing growth in Cardiff. These assumptions have not been realised in practice and, given cost of living pressures on individual households, and inflationary pressures in the building industry, demand seems most likely to reduce

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even further. Now is not the time to be adding in further candidate sites, and certainly not the one which is the subject of this letter.

We hope that these factors and the objections raised by our constituents be given due consideration in the Replacement Local Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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