
Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council



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Ref BF05

17, The Wynd,
Dalgety Bay,
Fife
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Dear Mr Bonino,

BARNS FARM SALE OF LAND , DALGETY BAY, FIFE

Along with your own recent public engagement which I understand amounted to 28 responses, the Community Council has undertaken its own one and this was carried out by placing a public notice on our website and in the September and October editions of the "Diary" which is our community newspaper delivered to every household in Dalgety Bay and Hillend. This amounted to 60 email responses from residents and partners.

Of these, 58 (96.7%) strongly opposed the sale of land for housing and preferred that the 5 hectare fields be kept as farmland or greenspace. Some of the respondents had already written to Shell UK indicating this. Of the 2 (3.3%) in favour of some residential/business development, one was for housing on the fields with a conditional planning gain for sports/community facilities being provided on adjacent farmland (this was the proposal in 2010); the other was to construct a lodge for a bakery business with an additional lodge to live in.

It is now some 5 years since this all started and I would point out that it has resulted in 4 public meetings on the issue along with recent public engagements and I feel it has dragged on long enough and it is now time for the management of Shell UK to make its mind up and make a final decision on the future of the fields and not prolong it any further.

I again remind you that Fife Council has rejected housing development on this land under the Local Development Plan process and it is not included in the new FIFEplan that is now being examined by the Scottish Government. I would also remind you as a long standing member of the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Community Liaison Committee we have been good neighbours to Shell UK and ExxonMobil; but now the community is souring to your management to sell off this land for housing which has been rejected by Fife Council and the Dalgety Bay community.

I appreciate times are not presently conducive for your company on the commercial front but the sale of 5 hectares of farmland for housing is only

negligible to arrest the situation and I am sure you would not want bad publicity that could go nationwide.
I attach a copy of our notice in the "Diary"
I have also invited Denise Horan and John Raine to come and report to our next Council meeting on 14 December.
I look forward to you reply.

Yours sincerely,

Colin McPhail

Colin McPhail MBE C.Eng MICE, MCIHT

- Copies to
- 1) Rt Hon Gordon Brown
 - 2) Mnr Ben Van Beurden CEO Shell International
 - 3) Mr Alex Rowley MSP
 - 4) Mr Roy Green Community Council Secretary
 - 5) Ms Denise Horan, Mr John Raine