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Application Ref: 25/01116/FLL – Local Review Body Review

I wish to object to the review of this application and respectfully ask the Local Review Body to uphold the Planning Authority's decision to refuse permission.

I agree with the reasons for refusal set out in the Decision Notice. The proposed drive-thru restaurant is not in keeping with the vision for this area as part of a mixed-use development and local centre. The development would encourage car-based visits rather than supporting a walkable community where people can access local services on foot.

I am also concerned about the impact on the existing core path and right of way. Public access routes are valuable community assets and should not be lost or compromised.

In addition to the reasons already identified by the Planning Authority, I believe the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the character of Blairgowrie. Blairgowrie is a distinctive Perthshire town with a strong sense of identity and a beautiful setting. A large drive-thru fast-food outlet would be out of keeping with the character of the area and would detract from the quality and appearance of this important gateway site.

The proposal would increase traffic movements, vehicle idling, noise and litter, all of which would negatively affect nearby residents and the wider community.

I am also concerned about the potential impact on young people. Given the proximity of local schools, particularly Blairgowrie High School, the development would provide easy access to fast food on a daily basis for many pupils. At a time when childhood obesity and poor diet are significant public health concerns, I do not believe the location of a large drive-thru fast-food outlet beside facilities used by young people supports the health and wellbeing of the community.

The site could be put to a use that better complements the existing development, supports local businesses, and contributes more positively to the town.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Local Review Body upholds the original refusal and dismisses the applicant's request for review.

Kind regards,

Heather Somerville