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Dear Ms Simpson

I would like to make a further objection to the below application for a McDonald's restaurant for the following reasons:

- It would be too near the local schools. The litter caused by the school children dropping wrappers and uneaten food at lunchtime purchased at the shops on the site is at present unacceptable. It must be attracting vermin. Over and above that takeaway food is not a healthy diet for school children.
- There is already a Starbucks 'drive thru/ takeaway/ sit in restaurant'.
- Blairgowrie is supposed to be a sustainable town. The litter along the roads, round the shops, in the hedges and near the Welcome to Blairgowrie sustainable sign is a joke. I can only assume this would get worse if another fast-food outlet was built.
- There will be further extra traffic on a road which is already experiencing a huge increase of traffic from the Discovery Bridge
- The residents of Ardblair Road and Terrace are experiencing trouble in the local wood and playpark since the development was constructed. There is litter plus broken glass where young children should be able to play in peace. The residents have been looking after this as much as is possible given said park was gifted to Ardblair Road by the Blair Oliphant family for the children on the proviso they looked after it. This is becoming almost impossible to sustain.
- The area around the wood and play park is now attracting unsavoury characters. Not something that happened predevelopment of Westpark. I was accosted there whilst walking my dog. The police reaction to this was they suggested I stop walking there. It seems very unfair you cannot feel safe walking in your own neighbourhood having done so for many years. A resident in Ardblair Terrace has had his garage broken into 3 times. I fail to see this improving if there is a McDonald's nearby. The police are regular attenders at the McDonald's in Perth and Broxden. We don't have the luxury of a resident local police force in Blairgowrie.
- The McDonald's would be opposite the local cemetery which does not seem fitting or respectful.
- The site was originally earmarked for an hotel. Although not ideal that would be a preferable option. A McDonald's would only bring passing trade. An hotel might bring more trade to Blairgowrie itself.
- Despite the application saying the town centre sites are not acceptable, if there is to be a McDonald's I suggest these need relooking at.
- Is the protected Right of Way to be maintained? The McDonald's plans suggest otherwise.
- We already have increased flooding in the area from the building already done. During a meeting with a senior representative from Lidl's a couple of years ago (attended by Councillors) he admitted the flood risks and impact surveys were done to the bare minimum required to achieve planning. Can we assume that McDonald's would be any different? If so, there will be extra flooding. Despite what has been fed back from Perth & Kinross Council this is fact. You only have to ask the locals who have lived here long enough to see the change.
- The planning application states the McDonald's could employ up to 100 staff. A detailed list of these jobs might be in order. Does this number include the construction staff?

Your sincerely

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