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For the attention of: Planning Officer Erin Goldie

Dear Madam,

Planning Application Ref: 2013/0120/DET  
Donich Water Hydro Scheme, Inveronich, Lochgoilhead, Argyll

The Lochgoil Community Council, having met and considered at length the above application, are agreed that, on behalf of our community, we are duty bound to register objection.

The proposed scheme offers no significant benefit to our community and will only result in the destruction of the Donich Circular Walk which is not only a visitor attraction but also a much loved amenity used by the local community and the many children who visit the Lochgoilhead Scout Centre and the Ardroy Outdoor Centre each year.

There is a great deal of concern that the proposed hydro scheme will be abstracting from the source of our local water supply which is already under pressure during the holiday season due to increased usage. Donich Water is a drinking water protected area under EU law. The maximum abstraction of 16 million gallons of water a day (figure from SEPA application) seems excessive.

The developers proposed location for the turbine house is not considerate to the local residents at Inveronich, being both noisy and visually unsightly.

There is further concern that the developers have not given proper consideration to this proven habitat of some of our local red squirrel population. Scottish Wildlife Trust attended site at the invite of the community and confirmed the presence of a considerable number of red squirrel dreys at the location of the proposed power house and on the penstock route.

Yours faithfully,

Lochgoil Community Council