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17th February 2014.

Dear Sir

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

With reference to our letter of 15th January withdrawing our objection to the scheme, the letter stated that the Community Council wished to replace the objection with a letter of concern. It has been remarked upon at the latest meeting of the Community Council the nature of our concern was not clearly expressed.

For the avoidance of doubt we wish to make you aware of the main issues with which we remain concerned.

The flow of the Donich Waterfall when there is a high abstraction rate. The waterfall is a significant tourist and local attraction and we are concerned that it may cease to exist as such.

The developer has not had discussions with the Community Council (other than the initial presentation) nor the residents directly affected by the development. We understand there are alternatives to the location of the power house, penfold and tail race which would ameliorate the objections of the residents who are concerned with the potential noise and the disruption during construction. We also understand the residents have made the alternatives clear to the planning department and the developer.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Yours faithfully

Ewan Hardy Chair Lochgoil Community Council