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Dear Mr Strang

Dunduff Quarry – Consolidated Planning Application.

I write regarding the above application, and have copied this letter to the relevant planning officer for consideration in the planning process.

A large number of constituents have contacted me regarding the above application, and specifically the elements of the application regarding proposed rerouting of haulage traffic originating at Dunduff Quarry.

I welcome the recognition of the developer that the existing route of the haulage traffic has a negative impact on residents who live on or near the route, and the willingness of the developer to engage with affected residents and seek an alternative route. However, I believe that if it is accepted that there are negative impacts from the traffic on the current route, then there will also be negative impacts for those on the proposed alternative route.

I understand that residents living on or close to the proposed alternative route have developed a number of further possible alternatives, and I have written to the developer to ask what consideration it may be prepared to give to discussing these alternatives with the individuals concerned. A copy of this letter is enclosed for your information. It would be helpful if you could outline what role the Council might have to play in identifying the suitability or practicality of such proposals, and what routes exist for the concerned individuals to have these proposals considered as part of the wider planning process. It would also be helpful if this could be taken forward without delaying overall timescales for rerouting the lorries away from Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill.

I want to stress that I believe the current route of the quarry traffic is in no way acceptable and I share the serious concerns of residents in Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill about the current impact of this traffic. I hope that all interested parties, including the Council and the developer, can work together to determine whether further alternative routes for the lorries are at all achievable. I am happy to play any role I can in facilitating discussions or action on this matter.

I would also be grateful for any indication you can give about the timescale for taking forward this application and the likely date of a decision by the planning committee.

With many thanks for your attention to this matter,

Yours sincerely,

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