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Dear chair and inquiry officers,

[REDACTED] was advised to copy you into the comments [REDACTED] made to the inquiry yesterday.

[REDACTED] represented the views of the Commissioners and the local community in welcoming the designation of GRO21 for residential use, emphasising the need for affordable homes, as discussed by the inquiry, two or three bedroom homes for young families, and appropriate density/mix. The field is hill land, not good agricultural land, and I drew attention to the steeper slope at the top at the top, which may not be suitable for development.

The Commissioners have not consulted on any other fields in the area, and would be concerned about encroachment into the countryside, and need to protect landscape character.

We are very supportive of the protection of GOOO3 as open space for recreation or community use. This is in accordance with discussions which are ongoing with the church authorities, who are also currently considering the future of the church and hall to benefit the community.

The main concern raised by residents of Glen Mona has been parking and traffic issues around the school. With this in mind I would like you to consider the designation of the former Glen Mona Car Park as mixed use perhaps rather than residential, in the hope that there may be scope/ encouragement for the owners to consider enabling it to be used for community parking. Parents could drop off and pick up at school times, part of active travel (It is linked by a pavement). It would help to sustain the use of Glen Mona Hotel, whose owners have recently reopened it ...and be used by visitors, who use Glen Mona for access for hill walking.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak at the inquiry.

Thankyou

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