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To: Forestry FLS Communities
Subject: Representations for Proposed Redevelopment Site: Callop Forest Development
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Please accept this representation for the proposed **Callop Forest Development** by Glenfinnan Community Facilities SCIO - deadline 11th September 2026

Site Scale
The proposed developments for large scale 26.8 hectares of infrastructure will irrevocably change the landscape and break the scenic view up to Callop Glen seen from the A830. Site Plans A through to D demonstrate options for continued expansion which begs the question 'where do you stop?' The notion that visitor numbers can be managed and controlled is shortsighted as we have seen from the huge and growing numbers that attend Glenfinnan throughout the year.

Historical Site Use
A frequent spot for local walkers, this will now become a busy interchange which completely shifts the dynamic of a once quiet and peaceful place.
The current parking area beside the river was often frequented by Scottish Gypsy Travellers and served as a traditional stopover site for them as well as for hillwalkers. The premise that this should now be restricted with the introduction of barriers to prevent overnight parking would remove this access right. This site is currently enjoyed by locals and visitors aware of this location who treat it respectfully. Callop has always been a meeting point but a change of site use to include permanent infrastructure is something that will change the environment forever.

Fire Risk
Wildfire risk is highlighted in the documents in reference to existing car parking by the riverside with a comment on overnight camping being restricted. The fire risks are not mentioned in relation to the extensive Carparking Area, Campervan Aires and sections for Buses. All it takes is one cigarette end to spark a fire. The surrounding peatland which has been highlighted in the site assessment is prime tinder during dry periods (of which we are now experiencing increasingly in Spring and Summer). As we have seen from the devastating fires in Cairngorm National Park in 2026 - peat bog when alight can burn for days, weeks even. This is of primary concern for the surrounding areas to proposed site development as well as the risk it poses to native woodland.

Pollution
A vehicle specific site with so many people poses obvious pollutant factors to air quality and risk to the Callop River; and eventually Loch Sheil.
Already the A830 from Fort William to Glenfinnan is a constant stream of traffic and noise pollution has significantly increased in last the 5years. Introducing a set up with even more infrastructure for vehicles which are passing through this area means this is only going to increase.
There have been no issues with excess rubbish or flytipping on this site to date. However, all over the Highlands and beyond we are seeing reports of increasing incidents of littering at sites with heavy footfall and increased visitor numbers. The proposed development only increases the risk of human impact.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information

Your respectfully,

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