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Statement from the Group to Stop Development at Culloden, November 3, 2017

The Group to Stop Development at Culloden is aware that the 16 house building development at the Viewhill Farm site is now in the amended planning stage. We continue to be totally opposed to this development which sits just 400 meters from the Culloden Battlefield Enclosure and is where the last pitched battle on British soil took place.

On July 21, 2017, Kirkwood Homes submitted an "Application for Planning Permission for Discharge of Planning Conditions..." to Highland Council for 16 houses to be built at the Viewhill site. These are the same 16 houses we have been objecting to for nearly four years. The farm sheds on the property were demolished almost a year ago. The work was ordered by Highland Council's Planning and Development Service following an inspection of the buildings with the owners at the time, Inverness Properties.

Although the original owner and developer have been given permission to build, it had been our hope that the landowner would take into account the designated national and international importance of this small, important piece of Culloden Battlefield and its recent local designated importance by being included in the Culloden Muir Conservation Area of December 2016.

We are very concerned that this land will disappear under houses and pavements creating an irreparable scar on Culloden Moor and which will ultimately disrespect those who died and lie buried under its unforgiving moorland. The building of 16 houses at Viewhill converts the existing agricultural land use to suburban, subdivided parcels. Possible widening and extensions of roads accessing this property do not comply with the Culloden Muir Conservation Area and if allowed will further damage the area. This is not an appropriate use for this land.

We will again raise awareness and continue to object to this 16 house development. We will use social media outlets, our web site and other news media. A locally organised protest at the site is a distinct possibility. Over the past years we have received local, national and international support from individuals and organizations who have joined us in recognition of the value of a place like Culloden and to protest the building of these homes at Viewhill Farm.

We will be raising our concerns with the landowner and the developer asking why anyone would consider building houses on such historic and revered ground. We question the integrity of anyone who wishes to purchase a house built on this land.

The application and planning documents by Kirkwood Homes Ltd: <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/applicationDetails.do...>
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