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To: Begg, Drummond
Cc: Dods, Ranald
Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL] Help with Ballantyne Place play area

Councillor Begg,

Thank you for your email and attached copy of the letter from Dr Marshall.

Dr Marshall is raising procedural matters that are important to the Council's proper handling of the application and, in order to provide a full response to the issues raised, our service is liaising with the Council's Legal Services team. A response to Dr Marshall's letter will, therefore, be provided with the benefit of such legal advice.

Notwithstanding that the procedural issues must be addressed and concluded prior to the application being determined (whether in its current form or following necessary changes,) the view of the Community Council as regards the merits of what has been submitted remains outstanding. It is evident that the application is for the erection of a house and removal of the planning condition on the previous consent that required a play area within the development. I would respectfully suggest that the Community Council is in a position to make its representation on the merits of the proposals, regardless of the procedural concerns. It would be very helpful to this process (without prejudice to the outcome of the legal matters raised), if the Community Council were able to submit its representation on behalf of the community as to the planning merits of what is proposed, and do so within the timescale provided.

The original 'holding' objection from the Community Council is already available on the portal, so I presume Dr Marshall is referring to this letter of 7th August and so that has now also been published

If it is convenient for you, please feel free to forward this email response directly to Dr Marshall.

Regards,

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