



BEAULY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Planning Department
Highland Council,

Re: Planning Application 13/010006/FUL Concern over proposed change to vehicular access.
Cuilach House, Station Road, Beauly

Beauly Community Council has no objections to the above planning application for modifications to Cuilach House, Station Road, Beauly. However we have serious concerns regarding the proposed change to the 'vehicular access point' in Station Road.

On to the Proposed Site Plan 12-025-D(00)001 the Driveway entrance is shown as center'd on a green line drawn vertically from the house. This is precisely in-line with the existing main road street lighting column which carries the parking sign pointing to Braeview Car Park. Approx. 3-4M further south-west of the proposed new driveway is the children's "Stop-Look-Listen" crossing point managed during school hours by a Crossing Patrol Officer.

We presume that Highland Council would not envisage moving the lighting column even if paid for by the applicant, but to be clear any proposed south-west move of the lighting column would take the parking sign further away from the Braeview Car Park Junction and if the lighting column was moved north-east, would reduce the illumination at the nearby children's crossing point.

This leaves the possibility that the applicant will need to change the location of the proposed new driveway. We are therefore seriously concerned that:

- a) Any change in the currently planned re-location of the new driveway entrance further south-west to circumvent the current lighting column location may be a safety issue if too close to the children's crossing point which obviously needs clear sightlines away from turning vehicles on this busy main road.
- b) Any change in the currently planned re-location of the new driveway entrance should not be so close to the existing column as to impinge on the sight lines of cars exiting the driveway causing the vehicles to stop and overhang the public footpath to see around the lighting column.

Yours sincerely

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