



Are you replying as:

A Resident? <input type="checkbox"/>	A Business? <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: _____	

**If you are a business, How do you feel about DLC buying Moness?  
Tick one box.**

Don't know/ not enough information	Very Concerned	On balance, concerned	Neither concerned nor supportive	On balance, supportive	Very supportive
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**If you are a resident, How do you feel about DLC buying Moness?  
Tick once for each person in household.**

Don't know/ not enough information	Very Concerned	On balance, concerned	Neither concerned nor supportive	On balance, supportive	Very supportive
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**What are the opportunities you see for Moness/ Aberfeldy,  
based on the information currently available?**

**What concerns do you have, based on the information currently available?**

Please give at least one name  
from your household:

Please confirm your postcode:

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**Any other comments?**

**Please drop your completed questionnaire into one of the Community Council boxes  
at The Locus Centre Information Centre, The Breadalbane Bakery or Artisan  
by Saturday 9th December.**



### Purpose of MONESS RESORT Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to allow Aberfeldy Community Council to gather views on the future use of the Moness resort, from residents as well as businesses.

On the questionnaire, **you should record the view of all those in your household, provide a name for at least one person in that household and provide the postcode.**

This will allow us to check that these are valid returns from Aberfeldy.

You can record both positive and negative views in the questionnaire.

If you are a business, please give your business name and postcode.

Your replies will help us form our view on developments at Moness, in advance of any planning application. *Your view will then become our view.*

We are asking you to fill in this short questionnaire, say whether you are broadly supportive of the proposals or whether you have concerns about it.

**Please drop your completed questionnaire into one of the Community Council boxes at The Locus Centre Information Centre, The Breadalbane Bakery or Artisan by Saturday 9th December.** Thank you again for your help.

To download an additional or replacement copy of this survey form, please visit the ACC News webpage: <http://www.community-council.org.uk/aberfeldy/news.asp>

We have decided against doing an online questionnaire return to restrict replies to the Aberfeldy and Dull & Weem community council areas.







## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You may be aware that the new owners of Taymouth Castle, the Discovery Land Company (DLC), have recently purchased the Moness Resort. This is potentially a very significant development within the town, which we need to pay attention to. The caravan park remains leased by the previous owners.

DLC has indicated that will commit to maintaining the legacy of hospitality at Moness for the future. In addition, they believe that under-utilized cottages may be used to alleviate the shortage of affordable housing in the community. They have also committed to continue to operate the hotel itself as it is at present, and that all jobs are secure.

DLC say they will:

1. Retain a proportion of the cottages for holiday lets as at present\*, in addition to the hotel
2. Apply for a "change of use" permission so that they can use a proportion of the cottages for staff accommodation when those cottages are not being used for hospitality.
3. Make a proportion of the cottages available for rented accommodation for non- DLC use. At this stage we are not able to confirm the exact number.



## PLANNING APPLICATION

At present, we cannot be sure how many of the cottages will be retained as holiday accommodation, how many will be required for DLC staff and how many will be offered for non - DLC use.

However, the "change of use" will require a full planning application, and we will know this information at that point. The planning process will therefore allow all of us to have our say, and the community council can make an informed decision on whether this is something that we can formally support, or whether it is something that we should be concerned about and object to. We do therefore have a formal and legal means of affecting what happens at Moness.

## OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS

There are a number of opportunities and concerns which arise from the purchase of Moness, and which have been expressed to us as community councillors to date.

### The opportunities might include:

1. Increased investment and renewal of the resort.
2. An increase in the overall occupancy of the site. The timeshare uptake is actually quite low. By allowing those cottages that are not being used for hospitality to be utilized for workforce housing, the resort will have a new way to maximise occupancy.
3. Housing for new families and young people within the area who will be employed\* at Taymouth, and housing for non- DLC workers.
4. It is likely that permanent employees will use local facilities and spend a high proportion of their income within the town. The school, for example, needs more pupils to ensure that teachers can be retained.

\* DLC say that the cottages are for permanent, full time staff, and they are not for temporary workers. Any temporary staff working at Taymouth will be accommodated in a different way, not at Moness.

### Concerns that people have might include:

1. The loss of visitor numbers staying within the town, with many businesses being reliant on these
2. The loss of accommodation which many people regard as being easily accessible and affordable
3. The loss of regular timeshare visitors to the town, many of whom will be known to residents, and who are considered as friends by many
4. The loss of purpose built tourist accommodation at Moness which may increase demand for short-term lets and second homes, increasing concerns about housing affordability in the town.