Local Government and Communities Committee

Planning (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Jan O’Brien

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Call for Evidence on the Planning (Scotland) Bill

I currently support the Group to Stop Development at Culloden and have signed the petition to prevent the current proposed building of luxury homes on this historical site as it would be an abomination and completely disrespectful to the many who laid down their lives for their cause. This is a battlefield of national and international importance and should be treated as such. I would therefore like to raise the following points to be rectified in the planning review:

1. If a planning application is rejected by a local planning committee, I do not think that one man in an office hundreds of miles away, should be allowed to overturn local expertise.

2. If a planning application is approved either by a local council planning department or the Scottish government reporter, there is no right of appeal to that approval, I would expect an equal right of appeal to exist.

3. I also feel that the notification process falls well short, when the application is on a site that has a designation of national importance.

4. These types of applications need a wider, national notification procedure.

I hope my concerns will be acknowledged in the planning review.

Yours faithfully,

Jan O’Brien