

I, Christopher Norman Cameron, object to the planning application 20/04611/FUL.

This application is simply a moderately revised version of application 18/04194/FUL (refused) which is itself a modified version of application 15/02941/FUL.

After a protracted process, the highest authority in Scotland (Scottish Ministers) refused planning permission for the house at Culchunaig (18/04194/FUL) as recently as 17 November 2020.

On 17 November 2020 (Ref NOD-HLD-006) Scottish Ministers advised that the Proposed Development (Application 18/04194/FUL) would have an adverse impact on the character of the inventory battlefield and would not preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area. Ministers also consider that the Proposed Development is not in accordance with the development plan overall, being contrary to Policies 35, 28 and 29 of the Highland-wide LDP. The Proposed Development was also seen as contrary to the overarching principles of HEPS, in particular the Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Historic Battlefields guidance note.

Accordingly, the Scottish Ministers refused planning permission.

Application 20/04611/FUL has the same footprint and impact as that of 18/04194/FUL. Being essentially the same to that recently refused this application should also be rejected outright by Highland Council.

The historical and cultural significance of this site has been well documented by Dr Christopher Duffy and others which was duly recognised by the Scottish Ministers in their recent determination.

The Culloden Battlefield site in its current state is a great draw card for visitors from across the globe as are the findings from ongoing archaeological surveys, with much yet to be discovered. The site must be preserved as the historic battlefield that it is.

I hereby request that Highland Council reject this planning application outright.

Sincerely,

Christopher Norman Cameron

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