

25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Ms Jane Brooks-Burnett  
Economy, Planning & Regulation Services  
Stirling Council  
Teith House  
Kerse Road  
Stirling FK7 7QA

Dear Ms Brooks-Burnett

**Planning application 14/00742/FUL**

**Continuation of quarrying, new access road and public car park including restoration proposals | Murrayshall Quarry Polmaise Road To Carron Reservoir Stirling**

Ramblers Scotland is writing to object to the above application on the grounds of its impact on an area much valued for recreation which is well used as a local amenity and important for wildlife.

The proximity to Stirling of this area of natural beauty lends Gillies Hill a particular significance for local recreation. The core paths which run through and around this area also demonstrate the importance of this location for walkers, cyclists and horseriders; we are concerned that the environmental statement suggests the impacts will only be minor or minor/moderate. The area's cultural significance is also high, given its connections to the Battle of Bannockburn, and the other historic sites located in the vicinity, and in our view the development would detract from the enjoyment of this woodland.

We also have concerns about the increased traffic which would result from the quarrying operations, and the impact on local communities nearby as well as those enjoying recreation on Gillies Hill itself.

We would be happy to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Yours faithfully

Helen Todd  
Campaigns & Policy Manager

Ramblers Scotland is the representative body for walkers in Scotland and recognised by **sportscotland** as a governing body of sport. Our charitable aims are to promote walking, secure and facilitate access to land, and to protect the countryside. We have around 6,500 members in Scotland and 54 local walking groups, all run by volunteers.

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