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PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE: LT/2006/0009/DET/W

Dear Mr. Smith,

We wish to lodge an objection to the above application by Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire to install 3 underground water reservoirs with a total capacity of 42,000 litres at Drumkinnon Tower, Lomond Shores, Balloch.

Our concern is that this operation could disturb any buried pollutants which may have been left over from the Turkey Red Dye and bleaching works which occupied the site for over 100 years until the 1960s.

In addition it has been publicly stated by the proposed new lease holder of Drumkinnon Tower that they did not proceed with plans to develop out over Drumkinnon Bay for fear of releasing toxins thought to be in silt deposits on the loch bed at the bay.

We are concerned that vibrations from the extensive excavation works (taking place within a few metres of the waters edge and involving digging to a depth of ten metres and removal of 250 tons of waste) may cause vibrations which will disturb the silt in the bay causing the release of toxins which could be detrimental to wildlife in the area and to the quality of the water in Loch Lomond which is a major source of drinking water.

We ask you to refuse consent for the above application.

Yours sincerely,

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