

To whom it may concern,

As a frequent visitor to Eskdalemuir and in particular to Samye Ling Buddhist Monastery & Tibetan Centre, I am distressed to learn of the proposed plans, to which I strongly object for their potentially detrimental effect on the precious amenities and for reasons stated below.

SPIRITUAL - The peaceful Eskdalemuir Valley has been home to the internationally renowned Samye Ling Monastery and Tibetan Buddhist Centre since it was established in 1967. With a resident community of some 50 monks, nuns and lay people, it is also the spiritual home for countless others who regularly gather to attend teachings as well as ceremonies to pray for world peace.

CULTURAL - One of the most visited tourist attractions in Scotland, every year Samye Ling welcomes thousands of visitors of all faiths and walks of life. From families, school groups and students to Inter-Faith groups and recovering ex Service men and women, all are welcome to enjoy the beautiful temple, contemplative Peace Gardens and the restorative benefits to physical and mental health of its natural environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL - Alongside it's wild and natural beauty, the most precious quality of the Eskdalemuir valley is the peace and quiet, which make it a haven for wildlife and for people seeking respite from the stress of modern day life, now more than ever after Covid-19.

The proposed developments in the area would be in direct conflict with all the above resources, nearby land uses, religious and peaceful activities on the following grounds:

NOISE POLLUTION High velocity shooting ranges would destroy the peace of the environment, cause distress and detrimentally affect the activities and health of residents, visitors and wildlife.

EARTH POLLUTION The areas where shooting is taking place becomes littered with spent gun cartridges made of plastic, lead and other metals which pollute the soil and harm life.

WATER POLLUTION Pollution of water sources by lead shot used for pheasant and duck shooting and the ammunition used in the high calibre, military weapons is toxic.

Therefore I urge the planning department not to grant permission for these shooting ranges which are so damaging to the area's peace and quality of life.

Yours sincerely,

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