**Milton of Campsie Greenbelt Preservation**

Milton of Campsie Greenbelt Preservation group (MOCGP) was formed in 2014 and currently has around 250 members, which is more than 10% of the adult population of the village. Our Chair is prominent local activist, Dr Morag Campbell.

Milton of Campsie is a community of less than 2,000 houses with a population of 3,890 (2018).  In recent years approximately 250 additional houses have been built at: Springfield (former Lilyburn Works), Baldoran, Fells View, James Boyle Square, Scott Avenue and the current Cala development at Finn Glen.

The population density of Milton of Campsie is 3,595/km² [2018].   This is almost six times higher than the average for East Dunbartonshire and more than 50 times higher than the Scottish average.

In 2016, MOCGP assisted local people who lodged 699 objections to the Local Development Plan 1 (LDP1), representing **42% of all the objections in the whole of East Dunbartonshire** and a petition with 333 names, together around 50% of all the objections to house building in East Dunbartonshire. Our two-and-a-half-year campaign was successful in stopping the building of 350 houses on Redmoss Farm, East of Alder Road and Mount of Glorat.

The people of Milton of Campsie don't want any more houses built on our greenbelt and specifically we want to protect the **biodiversity and ecological value of Redmoss Farm** along with the green network; **the community woodland at West Birdston;** and the land at **Derrywood which is adjacent to woodland and has** poor access to public transport and major traffic issueswith the resultant**impact on parking near the school**.

Our most recent campaign from October 2020 to January 2021 resulted in the withdrawal of Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) to build 77 houses at the **West Birdston** site adjacent to Alder Road. However, the sites at **Redmoss Farm** and **Derrywood** remain under threat and there is a new proposal to build 20 houses on **Kincaidfield** behind the Bowling Green, which is an important recreational resource for the community.

For more information and to join the fight to protect our precious greenbelt please email secretary@mocgreenbelt.org

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