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GLENURQUHART ROAD,
INVERNESS.

LADYSMITH HOUSE,
CLASHMORE,
DORNOCH,
SUTHERLANDSHIRE.
February 12th 1982.

re: DORNOCH SQUARE - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS,
PUBLIC MEETING IN D. SOCIAL CLUB, 10th FEBRUARY.

Dear Sir,




AFTER A 3 HOUR MEETING, AT APPROX 10.30pm
VOTING WAS BEGUN ON PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD IN
THE MEETING. AT THIS POINT A RADICAL, TOTALLY
NEW PROPOSAL WAS INTRODUCED BY MR. GARDINER.

ALL THE OTHER MAIN PROPOSALS AND OPTIONS
DISCUSSED WERE VISIBLE (IN PLANS ON DISPLAY FOR
ALL TO SEE, OR IN THE PRESENT SQUARE ITSELF.)

THIS PROPOSAL WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR AN
UNTRAINED EYE TO VISUALIZE. A MAJOR RE-ALIGNMENT
OF THE LAY-OUT WAS DECIDED BY A VOTE WHEN IT WAS
QUITE UNSEEN.

THE INNOCUOUS-SOUNDING STATEMENT
"TO WIDEN THE PAVEMENT ON THE S. SIDE OF SQUARE"
WAS BROUGHT IN AT THE VERY END OF A LONG MEETING.
IT DID NOT DESCRIBE THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE AT ALL.

PEOPLE SHOULD BE MADE WELL AWARE, BEFORE
A VOTE IS TAKEN, JUST WHAT THE PRO'S AND CONS REALLY
ARE AND IN EVERY OTHER MATTER THIS WAS DONE.

I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT MUCH
FULLER DISCUSSION SHD. BE HELD, THAN THE RAPID
5. MINS. ALLOWED  WHEN PEOPLE WERE ALREADY 
 WHICH ALL TOOK PLACE DOWN AT FRONT OF HALL, TOTALLY UNHEARD BY $\frac{3}{4}$ OF THE HALL.

RESTLESS TO VOTE AND GO HOME, BEFORE A DECISION IS TAKEN ON THIS MAJOR CHANGE. FOR MYSELF, I WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO BELLOW MY ARGUMENT FROM THE VERY BACK OF THE HALL

- ① AT PRESENT THE PAVEMENT LINE CONTINUES DOWN FROM THE TOWER OF CASTLE.
- ② THE TREE LINE ITSELF AT PRESENT CARRIES DOWN FROM THE N. EDGE OF THE CASTLE.
- ③ THE CARS ARE TUCKED IN NEATLY WITHIN THE TREE LINE
- ④ THERE IS A "SAFETY" AREA BETWEEN THE BACKS OF THE CARS AND THE MAIN ROAD AREA.

THERE IS A HARMONIOUS, VERY CAREFUL ALIGNMENT OF ALL THESE FEATURES.

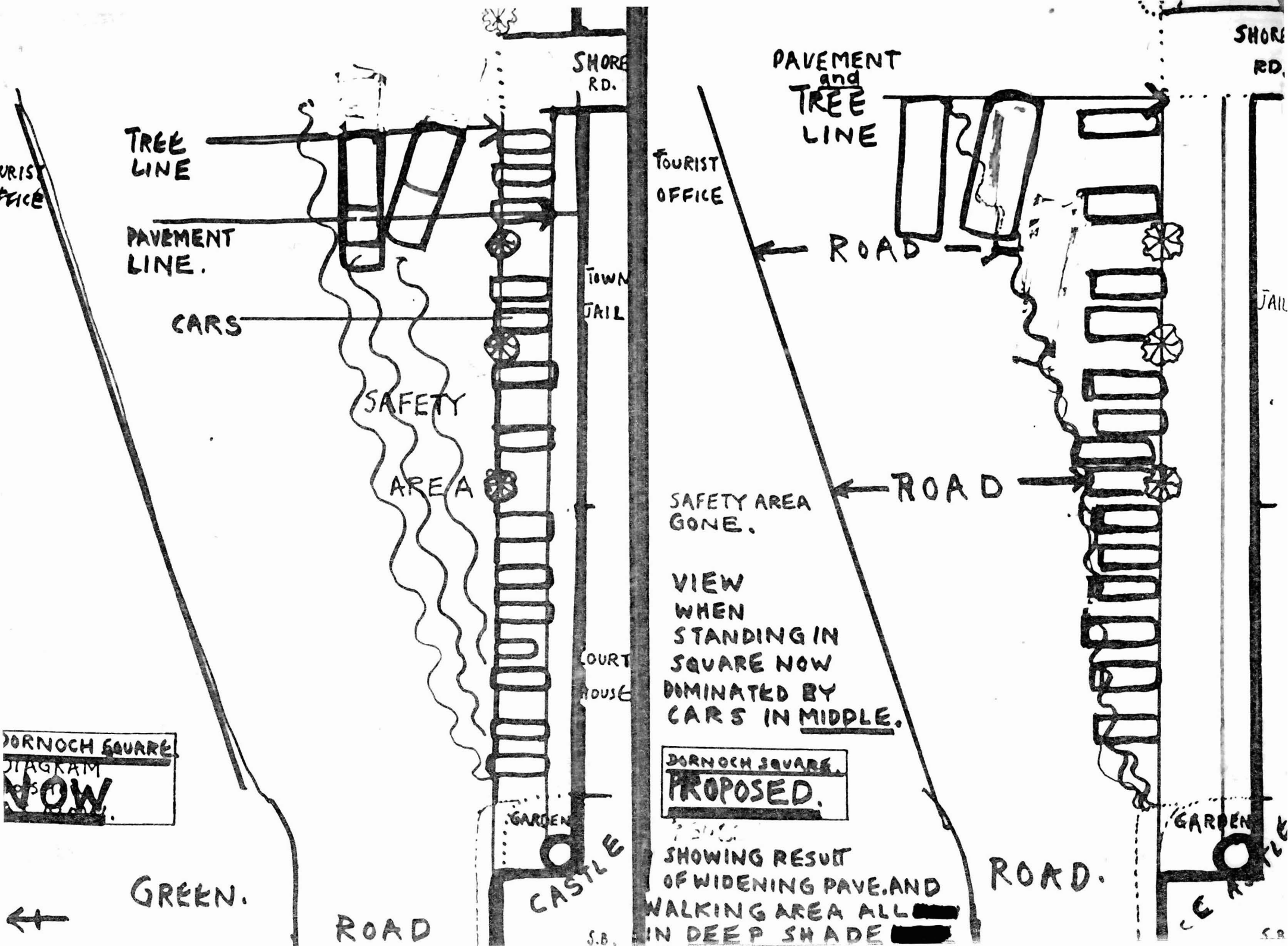
PEOPLE WANTED TO KEEP THE SQUARE "AS IT IS" (BUT WITH MORE TREES, SCREENING AT E. END AND RESURFACING.), THE NEW PROPOSAL DESTROYS ALL THIS.

IF THE PAVEMENT ON S. SIDE IS WIDENED AT ALL, THE WHOLE BALANCE WILL BE OUT.

- a) THE CARS WILL STICK WAY OUT INTO PRESENT "SPACE". I.E. BEYOND THE TREES.
- b) THE "SAFETY" AREA WHERE PEOPLE STROLL ABOUT IN THE SUN, TAKE PHOTOS AND UNLOAD THEIR CARS ETC., WILL HAVE GONE. IT WILL BE VERY DANGEROUS INDEED.
- c) THE WAITING BUSES WILL BE PUSHED RIGHT INTO THE CENTRE OF THE SPACE AND BLOCK THE VIEW DOWN (W) THE ROAD.
- a) THE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF THE SQUARE WILL BE QUITE DIFFERENT AND SPOILT.

IF PEOPLE WISH THE SQUARE TO REMAIN THE SAME, WHICH WAS THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED WISH OF THE MEETING PRIOR TO THIS PROPOSAL, THEY MUST THROW OUT THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE REASONS GIVEN. IT IS NOT INNOCUOUS AT ALL.

Yours faithfully,
 Judith Bums [JUDITH BULL] (MRS) J.B.



TURIST OFFICE

TREE LINE

PAVEMENT LINE.

CARS

SAFETY AREA

SHORE RD.

TOWN JAIL

COURT HOUSE

GARDEN

CASTLE

BORNOCH SQUARE
DIAGRAM
NOW

GREEN.

ROAD

S.B.

PAVEMENT and TREE LINE

TURIST OFFICE

ROAD

SAFETY AREA GONE.

ROAD

VIEW WHEN STANDING IN SQUARE NOW DOMINATED BY CARS IN MIDDLE.

BORNOCH SQUARE
PROPOSED.

SHOWING RESULT OF WIDENING PAVE. AND WALKING AREA ALL IN DEEP SHADE

ROAD.

GARDEN

SHORE RD.

JAIL

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S.B.