

Bungalow E12  
Two Boats Ascension Island

6<sup>th</sup> January 2005

Mr Gavin George  
Planning Officer  
Legal and Lands Department  
Jamestown  
St Helena

Dear Sir

Land use development plan relating to Burnt Rock near Horse Pasture

We are writing to raise some serious concerns that we have about the proposed housing site at Burnt Rock near Horse Pasture. The major issues that have not been considered are as follows:-

Firstly, this is a forest area of natural beauty, both internally and externally, if you view it from the outside or if you are surrounded by it, there is an accepted beauty that should be preserved. It can be seen from almost half of the island and it is an important feature on the St Helena landscape.

Secondly, it is part of the history of this area of the island. When we were children we played in the area, our mums would take us there to watch the sun set. It is linked to the hearts of the people in the area and this in itself has a value, although not economic this cannot be overlooked.

Thirdly, this area has been used for Honey Bees for generations. Honey Bees are still farmed in the area and produce the majority of the honey on St Helena. This is a natural resource that is beneficial to the island and its people. Destruction of the forest for housing would put an end to the large proportion of honey production on the island. It will subsequently cause a substantial loss of income for all beekeepers in the area.

To sum destruction of this area for housing will mean erasing from the landscape a site of natural beauty that is part of the hearts of the people in the area; will mean the destruction of honeybee habitat and subsequent loss of income and culture for the people of the area.

Our suggestion for development of this area would be to plant trees to renovate the forest, which could be made to include a forest walk, next to the popular picnic site of Horse Pasture, to encourage people to appreciate the natural environment. Flowering trees would have the two-fold benefit of additionally beautifying the area as well as providing further nectar and pollen for the bee population.

Could you please let us know the outcome of this letter as soon as possible. We trust that you will seriously consider these concerns and rethink your plans for the future development of Burnt Rock.

Yours faithfully

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Don M Stroud







Horse Pasture  
Blue Hill  
St Helena

The LDCP Team  
The Castle  
Jamestown

10<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Sirs/Madam

**LAND DEVELOPMENT IN HORSE PASTURE AREA**

I enclose for your perusal letters that have been sent to personnel within SHG expressing our concerns for various land developments in the Horse Pasture/Burnt Rock areas.

Although the correspondence dates back to 2005, none of them were satisfactorily addressed or even responded to so my concerns raised are still valid and I write to you with the hope that you will take careful note of these when deciding on the Land use plan for the Horse Pasture and Burnt Rock areas.

Yours faithfully

Don M Stroud