

West Lothian Council
Development Management

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DEAR SIR,

With reference to the planning Application,
H-SB.6 CHURCH GARDENS/MEADOW Road,
Stoneyburn,

I OBJECT WITH THE FOLLOWING REASONS,

- ① The agricultural land is a natural habitat of many species such as Birds which nest here, Bees which also have hives and also Bats which are a protected species; this development would have an adverse affect on these animals and many more.
- ② This agricultural land also has many mature trees including silver birch etc, shrubs and also wild flowers. This development would require these to be removed at a great expense where the former coal pit closed many years ago.
- ③ The restricted access to the site which is not accessible from any main thoroughfare raises serious safety issues.
- ④ loss of Privacy
- ⑤ There are not enough local amenities and facilities in Stoneyburn to support the additional population the site would bring.
- ⑥ It is not clear as to where access from the nearest adopted road is to be, if it meadow road the additional traffic will damage surface of this road, the road south of its junction Lighton Terrace is not adopted

it is narrower than meadow Road and is in po state, To many sharp corners could not Allow Her Trucks a safe passage.

⑦ Additional noise and dirt pollution that the neighbouring properties would experience during construction would be unacceptable.

⑧ There is sufficient housing in the village as most properties have been up for sale for a number of years, the houses that have been built in the church gardens have more or less on the market since they were built years ago. THERE IS ample land on the north side of the village off the main Road for any proposed Development.

⑨ it has taken at least 30 years since replanting of cleaning up of the former pit site to regenerate it back to a rural woodland site. Any development would detract from the view that all who use the right of passage.

⑩ A real concern that any development on site would have a serious effect on the natural drainage of lighton Terrace. The site absorbs a large amount of rain water from lighton Terrace as the miners houses were built on puddle clay and natural drainage gravitates from our homes toward the Breich burn at the foot of the site.

⑪ The public right of way footpath is regarded as a natural naturerail by many of the villagers. it is used for leisure walks, dog walkers, children use it to go between the Swing park and football park at both ends of the site. The loss of this footpat would be such an inconvenience to the villagers who use it.

THERE IS A large area of land to the north of the village between Wilson Terrace and Main Street opposite our ladys primary school which would be a more appropriate site for residential Development, which would plug a hole between Stoneyburn and Bents.

This site is Greenbelt land and any development would be shrinking our countryside, further more how many times does this site need to be refused permission, is this to be a constant THREAT to residents, many of whom purchased nearby property because of the Greenbelt Area giving privacy and tranquil surroundings,

I also believe there is sufficient applications going in by the council without additional developments, is this site more the case of someone lining their pockets at the cost of residents of Stoneyburn,

yours Sincerely

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