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Dear Sirs

Yesterday evening we attended the event in the Linlithgow Burgh Halls to view the draft local development plan for West Lothian. We appreciated the opportunity to look at the plan and wish to convey our overall support for the plan and specifically its element concerning Linlithgow, the area which as residents of the town, is of prime interest to us.

One issue which is of concern to us and which therefore, we would wish to draw to your attention is the purchase of land in the Clark Avenue/Colthill area by Pumpkin Properties, the owner of which we understand to be a [REDACTED]. The area in question comprises some 6 acres, and as far as we are aware was purchased by [REDACTED] at auction from Greenbelt, without the residents of neighbouring properties being notified of the sale or given any opportunity to purchase it all/or in part. The land is designated as amenity space and we would estimate 80-90% of it as being completely unsuitable for any sort of house and road building. However, the Pumpkin property's website, www.pumpkinproperties.co.uk presents the land as a development opportunity and sets out a plan for a substantial development of houses and connecting roads, despite no planning permission for any such development having to our knowledge been obtained.

The amenity land we have described is covered in trees, most but no means all of which (there are some old majestic trees too) were planted at the time of the houses in Clark Avenue being built (i.e. 17 years ago). There was a responsibility on Greenbelt to maintain this area which has not been respected properly since the site changed hands.

In addition the trees play an important role in absorbing water and holding the hill together that many of them stand on. (17 years ago when the development was built there were issues with mud sliding down the hill and run off flooding properties at its foot) Part of the land also borders a burn running around the edge of Clark Avenue estate and is extremely boggy.

Any construction on the scale proposed by Pumpkin properties would be highly detrimental environmentally and to neighbouring properties. It would also remove verdant amenity land which plays an unsung but important part in maintaining the pleasant aspect of the immediate area and of Linlithgow as a whole.

We were glad to note last night that this area is to be kept as a protected amenity area but wish to urge that this be maintained in the new local plan when it is ratified by West Lothian Council

and for future plans.

This is a particular current concern to us ,as the Pumpkin Property web site to our reading implies that the site is intended for near term development.

We would be grateful if the foregoing could be taken into account as part of the consultation process.

Yours Sincerely

Ian and Clare McGregor

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