

Nancy and Mark Durrant

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Planning Department  
West Lothian Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Draft Local Development Plan**

We thank you for the opportunity to view and comment on the Draft Local Development Plan for 2015 onwards.

In general we are in support of the plan for Linlithgow, but we would like to object in principle to any development of the amenity land surrounding [REDACTED]/Colthill in Linlithgow.

Six acres of this amenity land was sold without the residents knowledge in a hasty, unadvertised manner, by Greenbelt Energy plc to a [REDACTED], of Pumpkin Properties, Linlithgow.

This amenity land is now being advertised as a potential residential development site by the new owner, with suggestion that this will be progressing through the process this year, this is extremely worrying for the residents, who would like this advert removed if in contravention of the proposed development plan. His web site is [www.pumkinproperties.co.uk](http://www.pumkinproperties.co.uk) and he advertises the area through it's geographical name of "Colthill"

This amenity land was planted and developed as woodland as a planning consent condition when Persimmon Homes built the properties. The houses carried a premium price as the development was a restricted size development of 30 houses which was to include substantial and high quality amenity land. The land, which is steep and hilly, contains a mix of existing mature woodland, which may carry preservation orders, and newer existing trees and shrubs, and a pedestrian right of way via a rustic path leading from [REDACTED] to St Ninian's Road.

The houses in [REDACTED] benefit from the maturing trees as drainage of rainfall run off has dramatically improved on the hillside. Special drainage techniques, such as those selected for motorway embankments, were used on the steepest parts of the hillside to protect the properties below, hence our concerns.

We would like to be made aware if there are any outstanding requests, or advance planning applications to build on this area that may still be under consideration, but not included in the current version of the Draft Local Plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Your

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