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D&RS GROUP SUPPORT

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Dear Ms McBrierty,

I write with reference to the proposed development site H-BU 12 [REDACTED] 45 units by the applicant West Lothian Council.

My letter is in connection with the above planning proposal, I have examined the plans and I know the site well. I wish to object strongly to the proposed development of 45 units in the location [REDACTED].

The proposed siting of the development is particularly ill considered as is a lovely grassy area with

thirty seven mature trees. These trees are irreplaceable they affect our climate and should be protected. Children run free of cars in this safe haven walkers can enjoy the surroundings away from car fumes and see the wildlife that is abundant in this area. Disabled people can be taken down the path, workers can stroll to East Mains Industrial Estate and dog walkers can exercise their pets. West Lothian Council have stated that encouraging walking and cycling ahead of cars and protecting the countryside are their aims, as is to improve the quality of life and do regeneration through the development of brown sites.

they will protect and enhance the natural environment.

Many years ago this area flooded whenever it was heavy rain. West Lothian Council installed some basic drainage but disruption to this could bring a return of flooding to the area. Many locals know that the area in front of the serious houses is a boggy area still, both Summer and winter. Gala Day shows had to be rehoused by the canal because of becoming bogged down in the area.

I believe that plans for housing in this area in the past were dropped due to uncertainty over subsidence due to mine workings.

There is only one road into Hillview Avenue, Hillview Place and additional traffic in the area would cause major problems. Also drains and sewers will be put under added pressure

How a large residential estate would fit in with the immediate surroundings would also cause concern. Environmentally the impact on this lovely area would be huge and I firmly believe not in the interests of not only the locals but many others who enjoy this green area.

Our schools and surgeries would not be able to cope with an influx of children and adults either. My further concerns are

buildings, loss of sunlight and
landscaping of the ground.

Yours Sincerely

