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## **Linlithgow, HLL-12, Preston Farm Field**

Dear Sir,

I am making this submission as an individual representing my own views. This is my first representation on the proposed plan.

My objections are as follows:

### **Traffic: Safety and Environment**

The proposed sites distance from the town centre and local amenities mean that most residents of the proposed development would drive rather than walk.

Preston Road, which my family walk along daily, is already a bottleneck. Increasing the number of cars using this route risks safety and air quality; not desirable given that three school and one play park are next to this road.

Similarly Manse Road is becoming a bottleneck during the week as station commuters park on the road approaching the canal bridge which itself is for single file traffic only. Again increasing the number of road users here would exacerbate the problem. It is my opinion that the residents of the proposed development would likely be high net worth professionals with 2 to 3 cars per household, in addition it is also highly likely that they will be commuting by train to their place of work, which would increase the amount of cars using Manse Road and put further strain on available parking for the train station.

### **Loss of Greenbelt**

The proposed site and the fields leading up to Beecraigs and Cockelroy are truly beautiful. My family and I enjoy these recreationally. To build on this beautiful greenbelt seems madness to me. Additionally, it would also diminish the enjoyment from the views and tranquility when using the canal and the canal path.

### **Loss of Habitat**

Bats and badgers, along with many other species on the site would be hugely threatened.

### **Pressure on Health and School places**

Already at breaking point.

There are many more points of objection I could make, but in summary I feel that building 60 or so expensive houses on beautiful green belt is not the way to solve Linlithgow's or indeed West Lothian's need for more residential property. There are surely many brownfield sites ripe for development in the local area. Ultimately I am concerned for the health and well-being of my young family.

Economic gain of a private company or individual should not come before the needs of local residents of today and of the future.

Yours faithfully,

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