

From: [REDACTED]
To: [wldp](#)
Subject: Objection to proposed developments at Linlithgow HLL 12 Preston Farm Field
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Dear Sir, Madam

We would like to object to the proposed development at Linlithgow HLL 12 Preston Farm Field. We have several reasons for objecting :

1. Firstly, as our house faces directly on to the field, we are extremely disappointed that we were not informed by you. We only learned about this yesterday when a neighbour put a leaflet through our door.
2. We bought our plot in [REDACTED] in 1993, built a house there and have enjoyed the wonderful view over this beautiful rolling farmland since then. When we purchased the plot we were told by WLDC planning department that the Preston Farm field was a protected green belt area and would never be built on. As this development would destroy our view, it has a serious negative impact on the value of our house. It also destroys the view for many of our neighbours in [REDACTED].
3. This field is an important wildlife area. We frequently see badgers and foxes in our garden late at night and we see bats almost daily at dusk during the summer. This wildlife would be seriously impacted by the proposed development.
4. The risk of flooding is also a major concern for us. This is highlighted in the West Lothian Strategic Flood Risk Assessment August 2014 report which concludes that "considerable caution is urged about bringing forward this site"
5. Traffic on Preston road is already very bad especially due to the schools there. This would obviously get significantly worse.
6. That stretch of the canal is very popular with walkers from the town and this development would destroy this beautiful rural setting.
7. There must surely be many other areas around the town that could be developed without destroying more of our precious greenbelt.

We urge you to listen to these arguments and consult the residents of [REDACTED] and surrounding areas before proceeding with this proposed development

Yours Sincerely

John & Anne McCormack & family

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