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13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to comment on the West Lothian Development Plan. My comments refer to the proposed build of new houses in Linlithgow. I realise that new housing has to be built, but the proposed developments to the south of the canal will exacerbate an already dangerous situation. All traffic from housing south of the canal travelling / returning to / from the north and east of Linlithgow (e.g. Edinburgh Fife, etc.) uses Manse Road and the single file bridge at the canal. This includes Deanburn, Priory Road, Burgess Hill, etc as well as houses accessing directly onto Manse Road. There are numerous occasions every day where cars mount the pavement to cross the bridge resulting in several new misses and recently, a child's buggy was hit by a van (Police incident number PS20151030-539). In addition, the footpath at the north side of the canal bridge to the junction of Station Road and Back Station Road is single file. Pedestrians cannot pass on the footpath; the road has to be used to pass.

The development plan lists a total of 125 houses accessing Manse Road and the canal bridge. Scottish Government's Transport Travel in Scotland report states that where household income is greater than £40,000.00, houses are more than 70% likely to have two or more cars which is potentially 208 additional cars potentially using Manse Road. In addition one development (H-LL10) is proposing 120 new houses and the planning application submitted details access via Manse Road (which contradicts the Local Development Plan). This would be a possible additional 168 cars accessing Manse Road and the canal bridge.

I note that most of the new developments are south of the canal, but strongly believe that until the single file access to the areas south of the canal are removed (these are the railway bridge at High Port, under the canal at Edinburgh Road, over the canal at Manse Road), that no new house building should take place on areas south of the canal until a new road is built from the M9 Junction (J3) through to Riccarton Road. In addition, the single file access results in queuing traffic results to substantial contribution to the major problems Linlithgow is experiencing with air quality.

There are also issues regarding education which the Local Development Plan recognises impact Linlithgow Academy and the development that will be required to

the Academy before any new building takes place. There appears to be no mention of the 500 new houses at Westfield which will also be in the Linlithgow Academy catchment area. Also, within the Local Development Plan, there would appear to be some errors in the catchment areas stated and that there does not appear to be any development of primary school education.

I have listed the references with comments below:

Yours faithfully,

John Wigham

**Education:**

Ref. No	No of Houses	Catchment Area	Comment
H-LL1	41	Low Port	
H-LL2	12	Low Port	
H-LL3	50	Low Port	Springfield should be the local school.
H-LL4	45	Low Port	
H-LL7	8	Linlithgow Bridge Primary	Linlithgow Bridge Primary is the most distance school from this location. Low Port is the local school
H-LL10	120	Linlithgow Bridge Primary	Linlithgow Bridge Primary is the most distance school from this location. Low Port is the local school
H-LL11	200	Linlithgow Bridge Primary	Linlithgow Bridge Primary is the most distance school from this location. Springfield and or Low Port is the local school.
H-LL12	60	Linlithgow Bridge Primary	Linlithgow Bridge Primary is the most distance school from this location. Linlithgow Primary is the local school.