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Sir,

I am a resident of [REDACTED] in Linlithgow and wish to object to the proposed development of the site **Preston Farm Field [ Site reference H-LL 12]**.

This is the first time I have made written representation on the Proposed plan and do so as an individual with my own views on the Development.

I have lived in Linlithgow for forty years and feel very privileged to live in such a beautiful and historical area of Scotland. My three children have attended school here and been part of the friendly community in the town.

When choosing somewhere to raise our family we chose this town chose to live here Linlithgow has managed to keep its Village feeling and we had easy access to both the country and larger towns.

I understand that the Preston Farm Field site is part of a **Special Landscape Area** which would indicate that housing should not be built. I find it worrying that the Council can designate areas then just change their mind when money is involved. I would guess that the Council will gain financially from Cala Homes and then from a top rate Community charge on each of the units. It is shocking that areas which have been given a special status related to their place in the Scottish landscape can be given up.....for money. We cannot get this area back once the houses are built.

Preston House is a Grade A listed building, the same as the House of the Binns. I can just imagine the reaction of the people of West Lothian if building was suggested on **that** site, and yet the Council propose to build on the Preston Hall estate land. This is just wrong.

We now have traffic calming measures on Preston Road as it is so, going past two Primary schools. I presume this was done in recognition of the volume of traffic using this road. If this building goes ahead we will add to this traffic and congestion. People who can afford a Cala home will certainly have more than one car per household, and would need to use them to access the High street and railway station.

Our Primary schools are full and, even with extensions, the Academy is full. It is not so long ago that our local papers were carrying news items of parents fighting for places at local schools for their children. Our one Health Centre has struggled to cope with numbers in the recent past and some patients have been transferred to other practices outside the town. Getting children into schools and getting a medical appointment when

you need it are very important to people in a community. I believe we are adding strain on these systems making it less pleasant for us all to live in the area.

Finally, I feel that building housing right down onto the Canal is not going to add to the beauty of this wonderful resource. Walking along the towpath or sailing along the canal is one of the reasons people come to our town. Large houses built right on to the side of the canal and seen from the roads coming in from Falkirk are **not** going to be a visitor attraction I think.

I would urge the council to re think this proposition and consider alternative sites.

Mrs S Aitken