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To Council Officers involved in the consultation pertaining to the housing development at Linlithgow. Hill 12, Preston Farm Field

Dear Sirs

I am making this submission as an individual representing my own views. This is my first representation on the proposed plan; **Linlithgow, Hill-12, Preston Farm Field**"

I have examined the plans and as I live almost adjacent to the site I wish to object strongly to the development of the Cala proposals for this site, namely "**Linlithgow, Hill-12, Preston Farm Field**"

1. This field is part of an "Area of Great Landscape Value" (AGLV) and this proposal will redraw the existing boundary of the AGLV. In fact the Council's own advisors had proposed to increase the designation of the AGLV to a Special Landscape Area, which provides a higher level of protection. The character of Linlithgow must be protected and this area of Linlithgow gives an outstanding vista to the south of the town from near and afar including canal walkers and boaters.

The fundamental policy of an AGLV is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open.and consequently the most important attribute of green belts is their openness.

The proposed development is in close proximity to a fine old listed building and in an area of natural beauty and also a haven for wildlife such as bats and badgers that will lose their habitat.

National Guidance states (SSP 2.4) ***"there will be a strong presumption against inappropriate development in the Green Belt"***

2. The number of houses proposed would see a huge increase in traffic down Preston Road and the High street. Preston Road has Primary Schools with parking problems and bottlenecks at various times of the day so this would only add to the traffic problems already being experienced at Preston Road.

Access and egress to the site is proposed via Deanburn Road, at present a quiet road but traffic will increase considerably as the majority of homes will be owned two or three car families. Deanburn Road and Deanburn Park opens up to Preston Road with very poor visibility to traffic on the right. Further traffic from the new site will only exacerbate an existing problem.

The amount of traffic through Linlithgow is reaching crisis point especially at peak times and this would only add to the pressure. Linlithgow was originally a small character town with a village High Street; it was never built for a never-ending population explosion. Currently there are traffic pinch points all over the town and further development will worsen the situation.

New estates and piecemeal developments have been given cursory approval by

the council without considering their consequences are slowly eroding the town's character.

3. Needless to say there will be added pressure on Schools and Health Clinics, which are already at capacity.

4. This is a severe sloping site that will be subject to increased water run off as tarmac roads, paths and driveways exacerbate the water volume that has to be managed. Deanburn Road already suffers from flooding of gardens at the lower end as storm drains have never been cleaned and emptied by the council for many years. When the council has neglected the adjacent site at Deanburn Road for many years why would they want to get involved in another site that they would be unable to service properly.

5. This 60+house site makes no meaningful contribution to the supposed thousands needed, suggest the council look at other sites that can absorb this type of development

regards

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