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Subject: Proposed Housing Developments in Linlithgow

Craig,

Although I live in [REDACTED] I have no particular objection to the loss of view or amenity with the proposed development in Preston Field although I do sympathise with those next to it living on Preston Road. My comments I am sure are well known to you already but I am keen to know what plans there are to resolve these if any of the proposed developments are to be addressed. I do however have significant concerns about any proposed development in Linlithgow for the following reasons:-

The traffic in the High Street is now queued most of the day and not just rush hour and school run periods. I often think there will be illegally parked cars to find none but just volume of traffic. This situation is now very evident at the retail park as well outwith the current road works taking place. Opportunities were missed to build a southern relief road when Kettlestoun, Deanburn, Acredales and Riccarton developments were carried out many years ago. The proposed 4 ways junction at the M9 Burghmuir junction would require major development to fund through planning gain and would only have minimal impact on High Street traffic. If anything the High Street is getting a break as the new flats at the cross have to fill up, County Buildings is not being used and the new Court House development is not open yet.

The schools are full up with the exception of very few places at Low Port. There are 2 teachers in one primary one classroom due to numbers being over the limit for an intake class. The situation for the next 5 years looks to be about the same but you will have access to the exact figures. The Academy is already too big and is full. The new secondary at Winchburgh will give some small relief but history has already shown that this gets quickly taken up as soon as there is any space. The good news for us is that when there is space in the Academy our existing property prices go up!

The Utilities especially drainage is at capacity and I assume there are plans for an extension to the sewage works or a new one completely. The disruption with other service provision would be significant. The field proposed for housing at Maidlands is already a flooding area and would need significant infrastructure to resolve although if done properly may benefit some of the surrounding residents who already suffer flooding.

A major decision needs to be taken on a large extension to the town with new schools and road/utility infrastructure or minimal development which can be absorbed. Thought I would throw in my penny's worth.

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