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## **Reference LP ref – HBg 24**

### **Planned Housing Development West of [REDACTED], Bathgate.**

I strongly object to the housing development planned for the west of [REDACTED], Bathgate.

I have lived in the same house in [REDACTED] for 45 years and I am well aware of the problems of living on the hill. It is a lovely place in the summer with great views, but in times of ice and snow can be hazardous. Many people have left saying that “they want off the hill” because of the winter weather.

#### **My concerns in winter conditions**

My main concerns are the problems that would be created if the exit from the new housing estate were to be onto Glebe Road. This is because of the junction of [REDACTED] and Glebe Road, where the steep downhill gradient meets the steep uphill gradient at a 90°. This is not helped by the fact that the camber of the road falls away to the right and this tends to induce a skid in icy and snow conditions. From experience it is not always possible to turn left into Glebe Road in winter weather. Vehicles driving down [REDACTED] must approach the corner with sufficient momentum to allow them to turn into Glebe Road and continue the upwards direction to Crosshill Drive. If [REDACTED] had to give way to traffic from the proposed new estate, this would without doubt create a dangerous situation with a complete road block. Drivers reluctant to stop would take a chance and not give way.

Equally if the cars from the new road have to give way to [REDACTED] traffic from the left, they too will have difficulty pulling away at the junction in bad weather (if indeed they were able to ascend the incline at all from the proposed estate).

Over the years the situation has got worse as now several households in [REDACTED] and Glebe Road have 2 or even 3 cars, many of which are parked at the roadside overnight. This adds to the problems as they restrict your vision as you approach the turn into Glebe Road.

Because of the altitude of [REDACTED] we always encounter worse winter weather conditions than experienced down in the town. There is often a delay in clearing the streets up this hill of snow and ice, as evidenced by the numbers of cars parked on both sides of Kirk Road when they have been unable to ascend Crosshill Drive, thereby causing additional congestion and visibility hazards. Such parking in Kirk Road will only increase with the additional numbers of cars failing to return to the new estate via Crosshill Drive / Glebe Road in poor weather.

I am also concerned about the deterioration to the surface of Crosshill Drive: it is now in a very poor condition, which is unlikely to be improved by additional traffic.

Before making a decision about the new development, can I please implore that the planners and all concerned actually come and look at this corner, and more particularly drive down [REDACTED] as the problems are not evident on a flat map.

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