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Hi

I did not find the online line form very easy to use. Could you please confirm that the following objection has been submitted on behalf of Dechmont Community Council

Dechmont Community Council (DCC) would like to register the following objections regarding the proposed West Lothian Local Development Plan.

#### H-DE-1 Bangour Village Hospital

Under the section for Transportation, DCC would request the comment about opportunities to link into Goodall Place and Burnside in Dechmont should be removed.

If this entrance to the site is open to vehicle access it would result in a rat run through the village hospital and Dechmont. During the recent public consultation with NHS for the development of this site it has been stated that this entrance would not be used for vehicles.

The total number of 550 units would result in significant issues with traffic in the surrounding area. This is supported by the recent traffic survey produced by NHS. A statement should be added that additional road infrastructure improvements will be required to allow this site to be developed. Consideration is required for traffic lights to be installed on the Dechmont Roundabout.

Bangour Village is situated within half a mile of existing flight paths GOSAM and GRICE. Additional to GOSAM and GRICE, should the trial flight path TUTUR be approved, this will place an additional flight path directly above Bangour Village, with aircraft at 3000-4000 feet above the development. With future planned flight departures every 60 seconds all day and night every day, given the high level of constant aircraft noise this will create for the future residents, the building of any new homes in the Bangour Village site should be reconsidered.

Aircraft noise over Bangour is above the 69 decibel maximum level which will enable home owners to apply for compensation. Should the building of homes be approved, at the very least, all new homes must be specifically insulated against aircraft noise; the cost for which Edinburgh Airport will be expected to make a compensatory contribution.

Change comment about Noise survey may be required to Noise survey shall be required.

Under the section for Education Catchment Area Schools, Kirkhill Primary School is missing and should be added.

#### H-DE-2 Main Street

Capacity of site should remain at 30 units as per previous Local Development Plan and not increased to the 60 units. Additional number of units will change the character of the site to a high density development which would be totally different from the surrounding housing in this area of Dechmont.

Change comment about Noise survey may be required to Noise survey shall be required.

Under the section for Education Catchment Area Schools, Kirkhill Primary School is missing and should be added.

#### H-DE-3 Burnhouse

DCC would strongly recommend that this site should be removed totally from the Local Development Plan for the following reasons

- Site is within the Bathgate Hills which has been designated as a Special Landscape Area.
- The Brox Burn should be used as a physical separation between any development in Dechmont and Bathgate Hills to stop development creep.
- Burnhouse road and the single track bridge over the Brox Burn is totally unsuitable of a development of this size.
- Traffic Survey for Bangour Village Hospital highlighted an issue with the development of 500

causing issues on the main roads around the site. The additional traffic from 120 units in this location would result in major traffic issues.

- Additional housing is not required to allow the development on Bangour Village Hospital and would only add to the issue of oversubscribed denominational schools in the area.

- A development application of this size in the brown field site of Bangour General Hospital was rejected even under appeal as being unsuitable for the area. So how could a Green field site in Bathgate Hills be suitable for this development to be proposed?

Regards

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