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Dear Sirs

I am Ronnie Jack of [REDACTED]

I am making this submission as an individual representing my own views. This is my first representation on the proposed plan.

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal in the West Lothian Council Draft Local Plan to redraw greenbelt land, known as Preston Farm Field, from prime agricultural use and an area of outstanding natural beauty and home to significant wildlife, to form a development of around 60 houses.

Prime reasons for objecting include losing longstanding AGLV that gives an outstanding setting to the South of town which can be seen from significant distance. Additional housing in this location will dominate the historic and beautiful Union Canal setting in this location. I understand the Council's landscape report advises keeping protection and there is no clear rationale why this is now being ignored.

There will be significant additional traffic on Preston Road adjacent to schools. The area is currently dangerous for both pedestrians and motorists particularly at certain times of day.

I believe there will be significant pressure on both school and health provision locally. Obtaining Doctor appointment times appear to be increasing significantly due to population growth.

Protected Species such as bats and badgers exist on the site and will be significantly threatened.

There will be a loss of prime agricultural land.

The field is the original Park for the Grade A listed Preston House and its historic setting should be respected.

There are less sensitive sites that will be able to accommodate the housing needed within West Lothian and 60 houses makes no meaningful contribution to the overall demand.

There appears to be significant local objection to the plans, which seems to have been virtually ignored by West Lothian Council and there is a sense of bias towards only two

parties i.e. a farmer who will presumably gain significantly financially should the scheme go ahead and a developer who will also have the potential to gain financially. I do not believe that two parties gain should outweigh any significant local opposition to this ill thought out scheme.

In summary, the site is not brownfield, it does not reduce travelling times, it does not conserve the environment and approval will spoil the character of local landscape (draft Council policies Hou 1 Hou 3 and Env 1 I believe refer).

There are at least two protected species on site which experts say cannot be mitigated against (Env 20).

There is a loss of prime agricultural land (Env 4).

Loss of historic setting for Preston Field House - the whole of the field was its original boundary.

I look forward to receiving a response to each of these points should the Council decide to press forward with the plan to approve any housing proposal on this site.

Yours faithfully

Ronnie Jack