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**PRESTON FARM FIELD – LINLITHGOW**

Site reference: H-LL 12

Dear Sir,

I am submitting my objections to the proposed development plan at PRESTON FARM FIELD. This is the first time I have made written representation on the proposed plan and am doing this as an individual and representing my own views.

As a nature lover, I feel there is bound to be a tremendous impact on the wildlife in that specific area which is an ALGV and West Lothian Councils own Environmental Department has prepared a report laying out all reasons to protect this by designating it a Special Landscape Area. There is great biodiversity including owls, woodpeckers, birds of prey (I often see buzzards above the field), foxes, badgers (seen in Deanburn) and numerous small mammals. Bats and kingfishers have been sighted and verified along the stretch adjoining the canal and are on the Scottish Protected Series List. This area of south Linlithgow has been settled and protected for 50 years. Housing here would be detrimental, adding no value to the local community. It is too far from the town centre, bus and train routes and would generate anywhere between 60 and 120 cars down Preston Road or along Riccarton Road both of which have "Speed Bumps" because of safety concerns, especially for children going to school. Going east would require driving along the already congested High Street or down Manse Road, a major bottleneck with single file over the canal bridge.

There are already capacity problems at Linlithgow Primary School and the Health Centre.

On the south of the field is the Grade A Listed Building- "PRESTON HOUSE" and Preston Field was its Historic Grounds. According to Scottish Government and Historic Scotland "A" listed buildings and their "SETTING" should be protected even if it extends beyond the boundary owned by the house.

To build here on this scale and size would change the whole character of the area and according to the Canal Society would have a detrimental impact on the Union Canal and the associated tourism.

60+ Luxury houses here in an already fully developed part of town would have no impact on the needs for social and affordable housing close to the town centre or where infrastructure could be built.- needs that Linlithgow Planning Forum recognises.

I would ask you to look at the impact on this area and refuse to agree to the development.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Kay Green