

From: [REDACTED]
To: wlldp
Subject: H-LV 3, Murieston South (8), Tarbet Drive
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I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above land and the current planning request to zone this as residential development.

As a resident of [REDACTED] and as our house backs directly on to this site we strongly object to the plans being considered.

Having recently moved to the area we are aware that planning permission to develop on this land has been refused on 3 previous occasions. In the most recent case in 2008 a lengthy campaign was undertaken by local residents and councillors and as a result the appeal submitted to the Reporter was not upheld due to the concerns over the health of residents in the area as any removal of what is deemed to be contaminated soil would have to be transported through the community putting everyone at risk.

We are also aware that an independent planning consultant, commissioned by the Community Council, recommended to West Lothian Council in 2014 that if legally possible the site be de allocated as suitable for development on the grounds that there remains grave concern on the high level of toxic waste on the site.

Furthermore in 2009 West Lothian Council made a Tree Preservation Order in respect of the trees on this land, stating "the character of the said trees is of high conservation value and contribute to the appearance and quality of the environment in the area to a significant extent. Retention of the trees is required to protect the setting of the area". Additionally, any development on this land would also have an impact on nature and the local wildlife living around the Murieston trail, which is regularly used and enjoyed by many.

For the above reasons we strongly object to the proposed plans outlined and would ask that this permission be refused and that the site be removed from the local plan as suitable for development.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Lesley & Darren Dunlop