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19<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Sirs

**Reference: H-LV 3, Murieston South (8), Tarbet Drive**

We are writing to submit our objection to the area of land described above being considered for any future development by West Lothian Council. As local residents for 13 years, we have witnessed this piece of land being put forward for development on 3 occasions, each time the same arguments and lengthy campaigns by residents are resurrected and as I am sure you are aware, every time permission is refused with the last application going to appeal and not being upheld.

Surely when there is a long history of previous applications always resulting in refusal and valid evidence presented, including a serious risk to the health of the local community if any development takes place, the council has to explain why it would again want to consider this area for development.

Nothing has changed, the land is still contaminated and a threat if unsettled, there are still TPOs and protected species (bats) still living in the trees. There can never be any guarantee that removing this land could be done safely without impact to health of local residents and as a result, this land should be removed from any future consideration by any council.

Many properties, including our own are on the boundary of this land with only a retaining wall to separate. Any movement of this land would impact the structure of the wall and could also put many families at risk. The Murieston Nature Trail is also used by many and the local wildlife enjoyed by all. We have bats roosting in the local trees and various wildlife in the area that would be destroyed. The TPOs already on this site are there to protect the trees and the setting of this area which would be significantly damaged should any development be permitted on this land.

West Lothian Council recently commissioned an independent planning consultant in 2014 to make recommendations about the site and they stated 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'. I do hope that West Lothian Council planners will listen to the evidence and finally put a stop to any consideration to develop on this land at any time now or in the future.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs & Mrs J Beveridge

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