Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to object to the planned housing development for Hillview Avenue in Broxburn. As I resident that will be directly affected by these plans, I welcome the opportunity to submit my views and hope that they will be given due consideration.

I am concerned about the plans to build on one of the few places of accessible greenspace that there is locally. I appreciate that, as I understand it, there are no plans to build on the field next to the proposed site as yet (although I do have my reservations that this may be considered in the future). However, in an urban area such as Broxburn, there are few places that people can visit locally without having to drive, particularly in the area of the proposed site where there are a number of elderly residents, some with mobility issues.

Local greenspace is important not only for physical health but also mental wellbeing and I believe that the welfare of existing residents, many of whom have lived in the area for a number of years, needs to be taken into consideration. It seems to me like a relatively small site for housing development and I wonder at the reasoning for choosing a green site such as this for development.

There are many other issues of concern including the size of the properties being developed. The location of my house means that I will be directly opposite the proposed site and I am concerned about my privacy. I am also concerned about the potential effects on light to my property and the subsequent effect on my quality of life. In addition, new houses will bring extra traffic and vehicles to the area – these days households often have two or three cars. Will subsequent parking be provided so that people who already live in the area will be able to park near their own properties? As mentioned previously, I am aware of local residents with mobility issues who need to be able to easily access their property.

More housing will also mean that additional strain will be placed on services such as medical provision. It is already difficult to obtain a doctor's appointment (at least two weeks are usually required) so how will the additional residents be accommodated? Is there sufficient capacity to accommodate more children in local schools?

I do hope that these points will be taken into consideration, along with the views submitted by other residents in the locale area and that we will be consulted further in the future.

Kind regards,

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