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Development Planning and Environment Manager  
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Dear Madam Development Site Proposed H-KN4

I write to express my opposition to the above ground being included in the current proposed plan for housing. The site boundaries are somewhat lacking in exact specification but it appears that housing is proposed taking entry by the hammerhead at the end of Station Mews. This site was the subject of a recent planning application for age restricted housing at which time certain issues were highlighted regarding the lack of school provision and access. Both of these matters would need to be addressed at some cost before this site could be a viable option.

I notice that an area of ground on the border of the present school playground is not included in the proposal but I assume that the school increase in size would expand into that ground. By increasing the school size that must also increase the staff complement most of whom will travel to work by car given the inadequacy of the current bus and train service. The present parking situation is inadequate. I do not notice in the proposal any place for parking to be provided.

Perhaps of greater concern is the traffic situation. The present main road onto which the traffic from such a housing estate would exit carries a significant volume of traffic but at times when the school is going in or coming out cars park all over Station Mews with little thought for the traffic wishing to enter or leave. An increase in traffic will prove highly dangerous for pedestrians being parents and children. In addition if the new car park at the railway station is constructed for 400 cars then there will be considerable danger of the traffic backing up from the level crossing beyond the

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entrance to Station Mews which will be of even greater danger. At present the traffic can be at the top of the hill just beyond the school when the crossing barriers are down so the future must review the road situation and indeed capacity in the whole surrounding area together with the safety of vehicles entering and leaving the station car park and causing a potential back up of traffic.

It must also be of concern that the Drummond Housing estate across from the entrance to Station Mews has been in construction for many years and if the estate is final finished then another exit on to Station Road will be in close proximity to the proposed access to the proposed piece of ground.

With the expansion of East Calder from a village to a town there must also be a concern that this proposal together with the other housing proposals for Kirknewton will have the effect of destroying one of the few small villages in West Lothian.

For all the above reasons I suggest that this area of ground not be included for development in the local plan.

Yours faithfully



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