

Dept of Planning Management.

Development Planning

West Lothian Civic Centre.

Howden South Road

Livingston EH54 6FF.

W.L.C.
D&RS GROUP SUPPORT

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Updating local Dev Plan

Town & Country Planning (Dev Planning) (Scotland) Reg. 2008

Site H-WB 17 West of Niddly Castle.

Designated mixed use for area next to NE.

+ Allocation for 250 new houses.

Dear Sirs.

I wish to object, in the strongest terms, to

the above proposal on the following grounds:

1. ~~The~~ Niddly Castle is both a National Monument & a top category - A listed building. The Government has designated it thus, over the ~~last~~ ^{number} of years, giving it double protection, in order to prevent the very development that your Dept is proposing.

3. The proposals will dramatically affect the "setting" of a listed building as the plan shows the proposals advancing up to within 20 meters.

4. This is not the first time departments, such as yours, have permitted the same type of development & the public have been critical of planners giving way to

Developers. In ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~area~~ ^{area} on the outskirts of Govanock is ^{Leven Castle, restored} ~~Leven Castle~~, only a few miles ^{away} ~~away~~ about 30 years past, when the ~~hundred~~ ^{hundred} ~~year~~ ^{year} ~~plan~~ ^{plan} permitted the ~~development~~ ^{development}.

There is another example, right in your back yard, at ^{Leven} ~~Leven~~ ^{Castle} ~~Castle~~.
Duntarvie where unsympathetic construction have not only ruined the setting of a listed building but left it with the modern development ensuring that no one will restore Duntarvie Castle & it will inevitably fall down over the years. Do go & see Leven & what the ~~result~~ ^{result} ~~will be~~ ^{long term}.

The ~~proposals~~ ^{proposals} are contrary to the then PM, Salmon who told a ^{small} meeting of Planners, & Conservationist & Local Authority pundits that castles ^{belonged} ~~were~~ ^{to the people} ~~of Scotland~~ & the people of Scotland & this needs to be ~~be~~ ^{carried} in mind when dealing i applications.

5. There are also objections I would make in the threat ~~to~~ the ancient trees.

6. In terms of good planning the solution ~~would~~ ^{should} be to landscape the non-used land and plant heavily. I would also object, as this development fails to do this.

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Proposals for ~~the~~ this type ^{in how as}
So I hope you will accept my objections. I suspect you won't be opening the mail till Monday, as I was a



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