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From: **Claudine Parkinson** [REDACTED]
Date: 21 November 2015 at 16:16
Subject: Linlithgow HLL-12 Preston Farm Field
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A copy of email, this time including my home address:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am making this submission as an individual representing my own views. This is my first representation on the Proposed Plan.

I would like to object to the proposed building on Preston Farm Field on the following grounds:-

Firstly, and most importantly, access to this site would be via Preston Road. This road is already well used and extremely congested, particularly when the 2 schools on Preston Road are starting and finishing for the day. The road cannot cope with any more traffic. The only other way to access this site from the town centre would be to go up over the canal and up Manse Road and along Riccarton Road. This is also a very well used rat run, very busy, and lots of cars park up one side of Manse Road. The junction at the bottom over the canal is an accident waiting to happen. The site is quite far from the train station and therefore, I suspect many would drive to the station, and exacerbate the problem on Manse Road.

There is no space at Linlithgow Primary or St Joseph's. Where would the children of the families who bought these houses go to school?

One of the reasons many people live in Linlithgow is the open spaces roundabout, particularly along the canal. The view from the canal up towards Cockleroy would be completely destroyed by this development. I am told that Preston Field is a protected landscape. Changing this to an area of housing would break the Council's own Landscape Review advice.

All of the houses in the Deanburn development are bungalows. I am not sure of the plans for the proposed new housing, but will they be bungalows too? If not, I feel this would really overshadow Deanburn and have a negative impact on current house owners there.

I used to [REDACTED] and would regularly see badgers roundabout, and it is well known that badgers nest along the canal. What impact would these buildings have on the badgers? It is also a well known fact that there are some protected species of bat around the Preston Fields area.

Preston House at the top of the field is a grade A protected building and a prominent local feature. I feel these proposed new houses would hide that from view and reduce it's impact on the area.

I understand that there is a need for more housing in Linlithgow, but I really

believe this site is the wrong one to develop. The infrastructure round about cannot support another 68 houses in this area of town. I beg you to reconsider developing this site. Once this precious green space has gone, there is no going back.

Yours faithfully

Claudine Parkinson

