



21<sup>st</sup> November 2015

West Lothian Council Development Planning  
Civic Centre  
Howden Rd South  
Livingston  
EH54 6FF

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL: LINLITHGOW, HLL-12, PRESTON FARM FIELD**

I hereby wish to object to the proposal to build on Preston Farm field – an area of great landscape value which has outstanding natural beauty, and provides habitat to several threatened and protected species.

This proposal would lead to:

- 1) the loss of habitat for badgers, bats, and other threatened species
- 2) the loss of a high grade cereal field
- 3) the loss of an area of outstanding natural beauty
- 4) the loss of view from the town of Linlithgow and canal
- 5) The Loss of a historic setting
- 6) Further pressure on school places in Linlithgow. Both Linlithgow Primary and Linlithgow Academy are already full.
- 7) An increased risk to the safety of children. Preston Road is already extremely busy near the schools, and further traffic in an area that is already a bottle-neck would place our children at increased risk.

Furthermore, I am at a loss to know why the Council has redrawn the greenbelt to meet the satisfaction of a developer, despite previous objections from residents. The Council cannot think that doing this, and allowing this development - just to allow 60 houses when thousands are required across West Lothian – is justifiable.

Therefore, I strongly object to this proposal

Yours sincerely



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