

From: [REDACTED]
To: wllcdp
Subject: Proposed development of Preston Field (H-LL 12)
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To whom it may concern

I am writing to you to lay out my concerns re the proposed development of Preston Farm Field (H-LL 12) and to object to your plans in the most strongest of terms.

Preston Farm Field is, to my understanding, an area of great land value and as such shouldn't even be considered for development. Preston House which sits at the top of the field is a grade A listed building and the field are its grounds so they both should remain as they are, and as they have done since the 1840's. At the lower end of the field is Katie Shaw's Brig (canal bridge) which is grade B listed so this whole area is of great historical value and should be left untouched.

There are many protected species that have made Preston Farm Field their home, including bats and badgers and any development of the land would put them at serious risk. Many other animals live there too and they include: Woodpeckers, Kestrels, Sparrow Hawks, House Martins, Pheasants, Roe Deers and many small mammals.

Preston Farm Field is classified as prime agricultural land and therefore development of this site should be resisted unless absolutely essential due to the limited amount of prime agricultural land left in Scotland, which I believe is only about 8%.

Due to the location of the site at the top of Preston Road, it means that any future development would add extra traffic to an already over congested set of roads. Preston Road itself is already a nightmare at peak times, as is Riccarton Road, Manse Road and the junction at the bottom of Preston Road into the High Street. The council must already have their concerns about road safety due to amount of traffic calming on these roads already. Manse Road can be particularly difficult to navigate due to the amount of cars parked there on a daily basis. During the time children go to and from school, Preston Road is extremely dangerous due to the heavy volume of traffic and the amount of parked cars. The high street is far too busy as it is at the moment, it takes ages to get from one end to the other and parking is impossible. The infrastructure of such an historical town cannot cope with the amount traffic its current residents are producing.

The school catchment for such a development would be Linlithgow Primary and Linlithgow Academy. Both schools are oversubscribed at the moment and would struggle to accommodate more children should the development go ahead.

As a resident of [REDACTED], we specifically chose to live here due to the fantastic views of Preston House and Preston Farm field which we can see from our house - we back onto the field. It's so quiet and tranquil that all that can be heard from our back garden is birdsong. This would all change should the development go ahead. Our light and view would be blocked, there would increased traffic noise and for the duration of the building works we would have a lot of increased noise, dirt, dust and mess on a daily basis.

I hope you will take into consideration all the points I have made before you make your decision.

Many thanks
Morna Scott

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Sent from my iPad