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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 bring to your attention the law regarding protection of badgers and bats as laid out by the Scottish Government Rural Directive which states that: "It is an offence to interfere with a badger sett which includes damaging or destroying a sett or any part of a sett, obstructing access to sett, disturbing a badger whilst in its sett", which I feel would apply in this situation for the building of properties on Preston fields. Not only that, it encompasses protection of bats in the standing of "It is an offence to damage, destroy or obstruct access to a bat roost". In this case it is proven that both badgers and bats use the site at Preston fields, not only that but one of the species of bat, now as *Myotis Naterreri*, is renowned to be a shy species and any building work would be sure to disturb it.

Not only would you contravene Scottish environmental and biodiversity law by building properties on this land, but you would also go against your own S.E.A policy, AGLV, Landscape Review and S.E.S policies. How can you explain a direct breach of policy which you have put in place to protect defensible town boundary land?

I understand the need for affordable housing in a town such as Linlithgow. But you are at high risk of ruining a fantastic community by expanding onto land that should be preserved.

I moved here from [REDACTED] almost two years ago and find Linlithgow to be a small, well developed, friendly community. You should consider the implications of expanding your town on services such as schools and the health service as well. There is already a high demand for these services and at a time when funding is being slashed for such things you should definitely consider future impact of an expansion of the community and its boundaries.

I hope you can take this objection into consideration when the planning proposals are put forward and I look forward to being kept updated on the matter.

Kind regards
Ms C Bilton