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To: [wldp](#)
Subject: H-LR 2 development response
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RE: Proposed Development Site H-LR 2

Dear Sir or Madam,

We write with reference to development proposal H-LR 2, a proposed housing development on the outskirts of Longridge on the north side of the Fauldhouse road (B7010). We are residents of [REDACTED], and have also consulted with other residents on this matter. We would be grateful if you would accept this letter as written objection to the development on the following grounds.

1. The proposed development will increase the population of Longridge, causing extra pressure on existing local facilities such as schools, medical centres and dentists. Currently Longridge boast only one local shop and a takeaway, and extra residents will likely have to travel to Fauldhouse or Whitburn even for convenience purchases.
 2. A serious concern regards the B7010, which is presently dangerous due to drivers travelling overly fast and overtaking on the straight approaching Longridge. Traffic calming measures close to the Curling Pond Lane entrance would have to be sited on the Fauldhouse side of the entrance to the new development, but we doubt that this will be a safe solution.
 3. Increased demand for mains water will affect pressure in the existing developments. Presently water pressure is adequate, but only just so. In fact, many of the Phase 1 houses in [REDACTED] were originally built with a break tank system to deal with low pressure issues that were presumably a result of the development being sited at the top of a hill.
 4. The land under consideration tends to be waterlogged all year around, which has been and continues to be an issue for the houses in [REDACTED] built along the margin of that land, because the water rises through the concrete floors of garages, causing damp. While the laying of impermeable concrete and tarmac structures in the proposed development may have little affect the houses in [REDACTED], the displacement of water that would otherwise be held in the moorland will result in greater pressure on drain systems, with potential flooding issues at lower levels where mains drainage systems are overwhelmed. It should be noted that, being on a ridge, Longridge tends to catch the worst of the weather and the ground is normally wet, even during the summer.
 5. The development will likely affect the prices of houses in the immediate area. We were persuaded to buy our house in [REDACTED] because we were assured that the land in question would not be built upon, and would have looked elsewhere had we known that our rear outlook would take in houses rather than moorland. We understand that an earlier planning application to build on this land had been turned down because it would encroach access to the water facility, which remains an issue.
 6. Lastly, the development will reduce wildlife habitat, which presently includes hares, buzzards, herons, stoats, field voles and occasionally deer. While the area in question is relatively small, natural habitat loss caused by the Heartlands development and golf course construction have already put available local habitat under pressure to the west and north.
- We hope that these points are considered during consideration of this planning application. We realise that many of these issues can be dealt with through local investment, but we hope that the committee engaged in deciding this matter will take the view that other areas are more suitable for the development of residential developments.

Yours faithfully,

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