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**To:** [wlldp](#)  
**Subject:** objection to West Lothian Development plan for Linlithgow  
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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 object to the entire LDP proposal, however, this particular objection is being made for the site HLL - 12 Preston Farm Field.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

A. AGLV -

Don't change of long-standing protection as (AGLV) to housing – the council's own environmental department report which says Preston Field should stay protected as a Special Landscape Area. The scenic and heritage qualities of the lower field are just as important as the upper - why split it up!

A. A GRADE SETTING - the field is the historic estate land of the Victorian listed Preston House, why harm its setting and make it suburban and hidden from view from the Canal Bridge.

A. AGRICULTURE - high grade 3.1 crops would be lost, and the Council should resist this in favour of Brownfield.

B. BIODIVERSITY - protected bats & badgers have been proved on site by 2 recent surveys by the Bat Conservation Trust & British Waterways (Badgers). Some of the Bats found thrive in the darkness of the field. The Badgers have a Main Settle next to it, feed on the field and cross it. The council is compelled by EU and UK law to protect them and their habitat especially near the Canal.

B. BIAS - the council redrew the AGLV after one design plan from a developer but ignored many many resident objections last October.

C. CARS - why are the planners promoting a site so far from bus, rail and town centre services? Cars would cause more traffic chaos and safety hazards on congested Preston Road near schools.

C. CANAL - the tranquility of this pastoral section of the National Monument Union Canal will be lost for boat trippers, cyclists, joggers and dog-walkers. Do tourists want to see fields & wildlife... or housing stretching yet further to the West?

C. CULTURE - Deanburn & Preston people have lived with and loved this landscape for decades, it is part of our locality. Our beautiful green field gives the South of Town its character from nearby and coming in via the Western Falkirk Rd. It is the green horizon for Mains Road and Braehead folk.

C. CONTRIBUTION - 60 houses makes no meaningful addition to the 20,000 planned in West Lothian, and Linlithgow needs social/affordable homes near facilities. Less sensitive non-AGLV sites are available in the East of town where transport links can be improved.

Given the reasons above I believe Site HLL-12 should be removed as a proposed

development site in the Councils LDP.

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