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To: [wldp](#)
Subject: FW: Objection Notice - Tarbert Drive, Murieston
Date: 21 November 2015 15:54:05

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide notice of my objection for the proposed site at Tarbert Drive, Murieston, and agree this land should be de-zoned for any future development and wish to prevent any further planning applications being submitted.

Contaminated Soil

- This strip of land should have been scraped when Murieston Valley was being built but because it wasn't, the lives of us local people will be drastically affected. Not I hasten to add that of the developer, who no doubt doesn't live where they will be impacted from this proposed development;
- There is great concern that the harmful chemicals/particles, once disturbed in this contaminated soil, would be inhaled by local residents, particularly [REDACTED]. Many have young families in this street and are already worrying about the long term health implications of the soil disruption;
- Contaminated soil would be strewn down our street and clearing it up would only dilute and spread the hazard into our homes and gardens; and
- What once was a safe, clean cul-de-sac for young children to play would rapidly become a no go area.

Heavy duty Vehicles versus Infrastructure

- The suggested 50 trucks, which would be required to remove the contaminated soil, will create extreme disruption to our small cul-de-sac of nine houses and the narrow roads in the surrounding area. We who live within [REDACTED] will have quality of our lives vastly diminished by the noise and pollution.

Construction Phase

- The on-going noise level of subsequent construction would be incredibly disruptive to our street and surrounding area;
- The number of vehicles moving in and out of our street would eventually erode the road

surface, creating potholes, potentially damaging our cars; and

- Once construction is complete, the level of traffic flowing through the narrow [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will cause much disruption to our already busy street. We all bought homes here so that we *wouldn't* live in a through road.

Wildlife/Trees

- There are protected bats and badgers within this land, the construction would disrupt their habitat; and
- There are also protected trees which help create the peaceful habitat for the animals.

Future Development within Murieston

- Murieston is a lovely picturesque and peaceful area, which I feel is going to be destroyed by the current and future proposed construction of new builds/affordable housing. Murieston is appealing and sought after because of its current unspoilt landscape and tranquility. It will no longer offer this amenity if all land within Murieston is built on, almost becoming a new town in its own right;
- A new primary school would be required to accommodate the increased level of children living in the area. Where and when would this be built?;
- The impact on overall house prices for Murieston could potentially fall as the appeal for the area would diminish. It would just be another overly large estate overrun by traffic and residents screaming out for further facilities to cope with demand, creating yet more building and disruption; and
- It does seem to me that any free plot of land within Murieston is instantly snapped up purely for financial gain. No account is taken of the effect on the people who live here, and who moved here because of well-planned and managed environment.

In summary: the landscape, wildlife, walking trails and scenery, which are unique to Murieston are on the verge of being destroyed and this is completely unacceptable.

What would you do if this was happening on your doorstep?

Kind regards

Amie Butchard

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Reference: H-LV3, Murieston South (8), Tarbert Drive
