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From: Aldyth Carrick, [REDACTED]
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Objection from Aldyth Carrick, [REDACTED].

I wish to object to the planning application to build 45 houses on the land immediately south of Oatlands Park, The Spinney and Glebe House Linlithgow. My reasons for opposing the application are:

1. It is a greenfield site which is beyond the current settlement boundary.
2. It occupies land currently designated as an "Area of Great landscape Value" or "Special Landscape Area. These are important high priority designation.
3. The field is "Prime Agricultural Land", which carries the highest designation. There is only 8% of land of this quality in Scotland, so this is an irreplaceable natural resource. The current Local Plan states that this farmland merits general protection from development.
4. The site is known to be home to protected species, in particular bats and badgers.
5. There is a significant impact on the approach into Linlithgow from the south along Manse Road. This affects traffic coming over the hill road from Dechmont/Livingston as well as the traffic coming from elsewhere in Linlithgow heading for Livingston, in addition to the traffic coming from the houses in roads off Riccarton Road. The houses would be on the skyline. The Strategic Environmental Assessment which accompanies the Local Development Plan states that this location occupies "a skyline location and is an integral part of Area of Great Landscape Value as it meets Linlithgow" and "development here would erode this clear boundary".
6. The increase in traffic in this area will place an increased burden on the parking near the lower end of Manse Road and on the access over the canal bridge at the bottom of Manse Road. As a local resident, I am only too aware of the traffic difficulties of the canal bridge crossing, where cars above the canal basin should give way to traffic coming up from the town, but generally doesn't. I have seen several "stand-offs" where two cars face each other on the bridge and both refuse to back up, with tempers rising. The extra traffic in this development will exacerbate an already difficult traffic situation and may well lead to "road rage" incidents in Linlithgow.
7. I am concerned as to whether the local schools are able to cope with the additional

My objection is about conserving the very best agricultural land and an environmentally sensitive area which surround the southern edge of Linlithgow for future generations.

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