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Dear Sir/ Madam

I can see **no justification for removing the planning restraint on Linlithgow**. The factors that led to it remain. Things have gone worse with the infrastructure unable to cope with more pressure. Whether it is healthcare, education, car parking, high and pollution on the High Street it needs improving not being made worse by extra pressure. The natural environment in West Lothian is very poor compared to the rest of the UK and it needs improving. It does not need more green spaces in and around the down being lost. This is stupid.

I object to the use of the housing sites in the proposal. The only ones that look worthwhile are for social housing on Mill Road and for housing on the old A9 Edinburgh Rd.

Proposed release for housing development of Land east of Manse Road and south of Oatlands Park, Linlithgow

This proposal is unsound on both technical and aesthetic grounds and my objections may be tabulated as follows:

1. This is a **greenfield site which is outside the current settlement boundary**.
2. Extraordinarily, the land is designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value ("AGLV") and this is a high priority designation, but see also 3. below.
3. The field is "**Prime Agricultural Land**" carrying the highest designation and is part of the 8% of land of this quality in the whole of Scotland. The current Local Plan states that this farmland merits general protection from development. There is simply no point in having these vital designations and distinctions if they are to be ignored - this proposal represents the antithesis of "planning"
4. **Protected species** such as bats and badgers have their homes on this site - they too need protection, in fact more so, as humans owe them regard of the highest order.
5. There would be **significant adverse impact on the approach to Linlithgow from the south**. Houses would obtrude upon the skyline, breaching the Strategic Environmental Assessment in the Local Development Plan. The land is an integral part of the AGLV (see 2. above). Development here would erode the boundary and Linlithgow

- would start to "bulge" in this direction where there is no precedent.
6. The location is one which gives unque from the town to Edinburgh and Arthurs Seat.

Thank you

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