

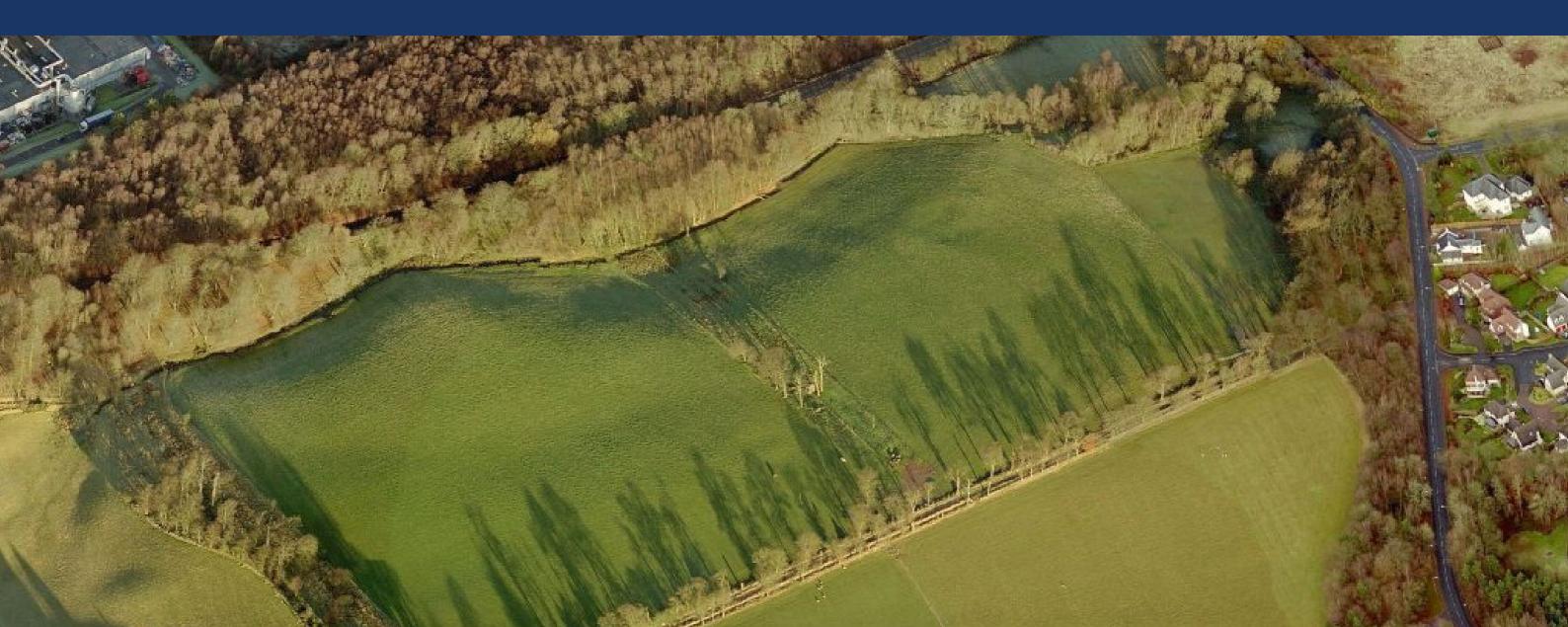


Murieston Road Murieston Livingston

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On behalf of BDW Trading Ltd and H&J Russell

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Introduction

This statement has been prepared on behalf of BDW Trading Ltd (the parent company to David Wilson Homes and Barratt Homes) and H&J Russell and outlines the pre-application community consultation undertaken in advance of an application for planning permission in principle to West Lothian Council for a residential development at the land west of Murieston Road, Murieston.

In this respect, the proposal is classed as a major development as defined by the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009, with a statutory requirement for formal preapplication consultation. This statement outlines the formal consultation process and summarises the issues raised and discussed which have assisted with informing the preparation of the planning application.

A Proposal of Application Notice (0216/PAC/14) was submitted to West Lothian Council on the 18th of March 2014 (Appendix A)

The PAN outlined the description of the development as, "Residential development with associated landscaping, roads, and footpaths (Planning Permission in Principle).

In-line with the PAN approval, Clarendon Planning and Development conducted a pre-app consultation event at the Bellsquarry Village Hall on the 29th of May 2014 between the hours of 2 and 8pm.

The events consisted of presentation boards which described the proposal, with members of the development team available for discussion. Along with the boards, a questionnaire was provided which the public were encouraged to complete either on the day or return to Clarendon Planning and Development by post. The questionnaire and boards were also made available online for those who couldn't attend the event or to revisit the material presented.

The purpose of pre application is to inform the local community of the proposed development and to discuss the proposal. It allows the public to engage with the developer and present ideas and opinions regarding the development, which are then reviewed by the developer / design team. This report provides a summary of reviewed feedback from the local community.

The following parties were notified of the proposed development at the same time as the PAN submission;

Murieston Community Council West Calder and Harburn Community Council Bellsquarry Community Council

Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick Councillor Peter Johnston Councillor Danny Logue Councillor John Muir

In addition to the foregoing, Clarendon offered up a meeting with the Community Council, however, this was declined.

Local Press

The public notice was placed in the West Lothian Courier on the 22nd of May 2014 (Appendix B), exactly 7 days before the consultation event.

Publicity Flyer

Approximately 400 flyers (Appendix C) were posted through local resident's letterboxes on the 19th of May 2014. This allowed the consultation event to be widely advertised and generate a healthy turnout.

Public Exhibition

The public consultation event was held at the Bellsquarry Village Hall on the 29th of May 2014 between 2pm and 8pm. This allowed a large number of people to attend the event, the busiest times were when local schools finished and the early evening around 6pm.

Four A0 display boards were erected at one end of the exhibition room and attendees were invited in, introduced to the consultation process and then directed to the presentation material, whereby the public could ask informed questions after reading the information provided.

After question and discussion time with the public, questionnaires were provided which could either be completed on the day or taken home and returned by post to Clarendon Planning and Development. Copies of the exhibition boards for both events are contained within Appendix D.

Attendance

Approximately 120 members of public attended the event. The level of attendance was encouragingly demonstrative of the level of advertising prior to the event. The development team were able to engage with the majority of attendees and allow for meaningful discussion.

Those of the Development Team who attended were;

Alex ForsythBarratt David Wilson HomesAndrew RuleBarratt David Wilson HomesMatthew WattsBarratt David Wilson HomesAntony DuthieClarendon Planning and DevelopmentDavid HowelClarendon Planning and DevelopmentRoss MansonClarendon Planning and Development









Pre App Event Day

The format of the event was explained to visitors in terms of being a PPiP (Planning Permission in Principle) application in the early stages of development and therefore seeking to present the planning context for the application, with the wider design and landscape issues to be taken into account and an indicative design framework of how the site could be developed, as opposed to a fixed layout plan.

The questions put forward were intended to raise the key issues, allow for agreement or disagreement on the main principles and create the opportunity for further general comment.

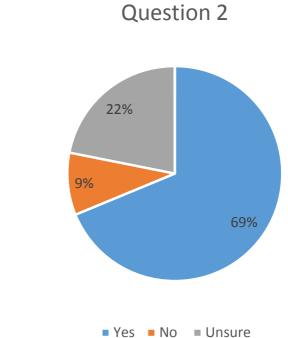
The consultation process was explained so that visitors understood that whilst comments relating to the exhibition event would be taken into account in the formation of the planning application, the formal period for representations would be via West Lothian Council once the application has been submitted. Attendees were also informed of the statutory requirements for neighbour notification (by West Lothian Council) immediately proceeding an application' submission.

Questionnaire results

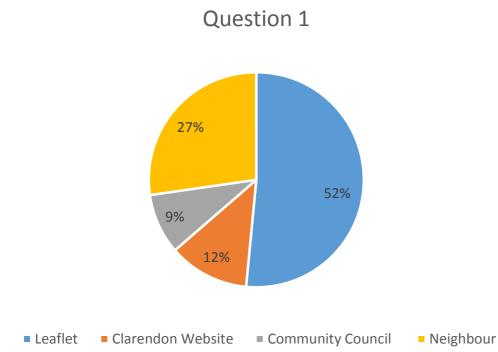
Members of the public were encouraged to complete questionnaires either on the day or at their own leisure via www.clarendonpd.co.uk. The following pie charts demonstrate the questions posed and the respective results from each.

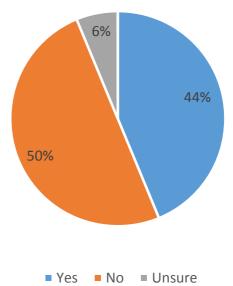
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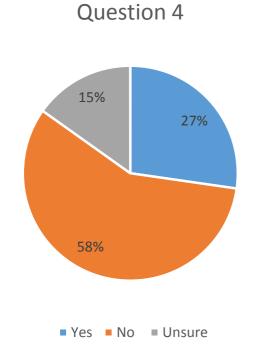
3. Were you aware of the level of housing land required to be identified in West Lothian?



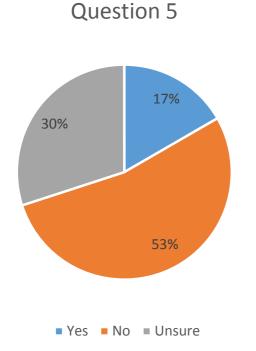


Question 3

4. Are you in favour of new housing in Murieston?



5. Are you in favour of the general design framework as set out on Board 4?



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Summary of Responses

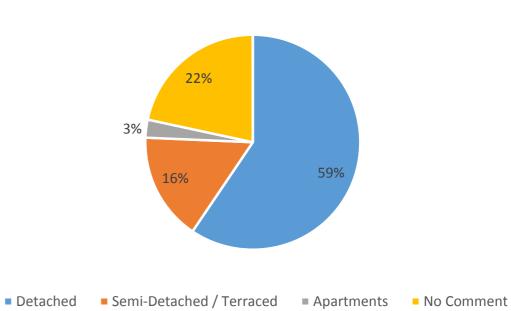
The majority of those in attendance were informed of the event by the flyer drop conducted by Clarendon Planning and Development, in which circa 400 leaflets were distributed to homes throughout the sites' surrounding area. Almost a third of attendants learned of the event through a neighbour, and the rest via social media outlets or local community groups.

The results from the questionnaire state the event was considered informative, albeit a majority were against new housing in Murieston notwithstanding. Approximately half of contributors were opposed to the general design framework identified on Board 4 (Appendix D). Exactly half of those who responded to question 3 were completely unaware of the housing land requirement in West Lothian.

Whilst detached houses took the majority share of question 6 responses. Some opted to provide no comment on the type of housing and apartments / flats were considered the least favourable option.

32 questionnaires were returned either at the event or via the Clarendon Planning and Development website. From a total of 120 attendees, such equates to a 26.6% return. Whilst low, given the level of physical attendance the Event was deemed to have been effective.





Question 6

Analysis of questionnaire results

Question I: How did you hear about today's consultation event?

Clarendon Planning and Development Ltd ensured the public were informed of the event. The leaflet drop encompassed 400 homes surrounding the site, and is considered to be the most effective way of promoting consultation events. Notification was also given to local community groups and local Councillors per the approved PAN.

Local community groups also took it upon themselves to promote the public consultation event through social media, specifically Facebook. This possibly increased the numbers of those in attendance. Word of mouth dissemination was similarly effective between neighbours.

Question 2: Has the Public Consultation Event provided useful information?

69% of the respondents stated the event was informative. The main purpose of the event was to inform the public of the initial site proposal and the planning process associated with the application. A high percentage of people found it informative while others (22%) were 'unsure' if the event was helpful, and only 9% found it uninformative.

At the early stages of design development, particularly for an application in principle, proposals rarely include house types etc. this is possibly the reason for 31% of people stating the event was either uninformative or 'unsure'.

Question 3:Were you aware of the level of housing land required to be identified in West Lothian? The amount of housing land required in West Lothian was unknown to half of those who responded. This either infers that the public didn't know the exact number of houses required by SESplan for the West Lothian area, or the public were unaware of the housing land shortfall altogether.

However, 44% of the respondents were aware of the housing land shortfall in West Lothian, which suggests that the public are relatively well informed as to the requirement for housing in West Lothian and show an interest in the subject.

Question 4: Are you in favour of new housing in Murieston?

58% said they were opposed to new housing in Murieston. The reasoning behind the majority was due to the loss of green space and infrastructure perceived restrictions, such a roads and schools which would be addressed through the application process.

27% said they were in favour of new housing in Murieston.

Question 5: Are you in favour of the general design framework as set out on Board 4?

The percentage of 'no' responses in question 4 is very similar to the percentage of 'no' responses in question 5. This suggests those against housing in Murieston were also against, not only the general design framework, but the principle of housing on the proposed site. Thus distorting the response to question 5.

Question 6: What type of housing do you consider should be included in the masterplan? As expected, the predominantly preferred type of housing is detached, reflective of the surrounding built form.

Other General Responses

The format of the questionnaire provided the opportunity for non-prescribed feedback, which can be summarised below.

Positive

- Provision of affordable new build housing welcomed
- Housing accepted as long as developer contributions are made

Negative

- School Capacity
- Railway parking at capacity
- Traffic on Murieston Road
- Loss of green space

Conclusions

Compared to the attendance numbers at the event, only a small number of people completed and returned a questionnaire. However, turnout demonstrates the exhibition to have been effective in its intended purpose.

The results from the questionnaire show a larger percentage of people were opposed to the proposed development than supportive. Which may be deemed as expected when the development plan process is fluid and requires to consider greenfield release.

The main concerns raised by the public were generic and applicable to all sites under consideration in West Lothian.

Generally, the public left the event better informed of the proposal, many of whom engaged in conversation with the design and development team at the event.

Proposal of application notice



Print Form

Submit by Email

(to be completed in respect of national and major categories of development) Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended

Planning Services Development Management

The planning authority will respond within 21 days of receiving the notice. It will advise whether the proposed pre-application consultation (PAC) is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required. The minimum consultation activity includes consultation with the relevant community council(s), the holding of one public event and its advertisement in a local newspaper.

Name	BDW Trading Ltd and H&J Russell
Address	c/o Agent
Postcode	
Telephone	
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	's details (if applicable)
	's details (if applicable) Clarendon Planning and Development Ltd
2 Agent	
2 Agent Name	Clarendon Planning and Development Ltd

Email info@clarendonpd.co.uk

3 Address or location of proposed development

Please state the postal address of the prospective development site. If there is no postal address, describe its location. Please outline the site on an Ordnance Survey plan and attach it to this completed notice.

Land West of Murieston Road, Murieston, Livingston

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Describe in general terms the proposed development.

National

Proposed residential development with associated landscaping, roads and footpaths (Planning Permission in Principle).

State Class

Major

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Appendix A - PAN



Appendix B - Public Notice Narrative

Pre-Application Consultation Event Land West of Murieston Road, Murieston

Date: 29th May 2014 Time: 2pm - 8pm Location: Bellsquarry Village Hall, 90 Calder Road, livingston, EH54 9AD

David Wilson Homes is proposing new housing with associated landscaping and open space to the west of Murieston and would like to invite members of the public to view and discuss the initial proposal at Bellsquarry Village Hall.

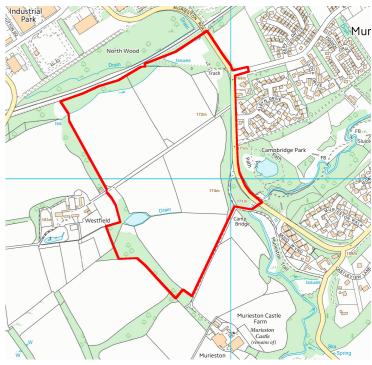
- · Proposed high quality residential development within existing landscape setting
- Significant contribution to West Lothian's private and affordable housing need
- Award winning national house builder

We look forward to seeing you at the consultation event.

Clarendon Planning and Development Ltd on behalf of DWH E: info@clarendonpd.co.uk W:www.clarendonpd.co.uk

Appendix C - Pre App Flyer









Appendix B - Public Notice Narrative Appendix C - Pre App Flyer



MURIESTON ROAD, MURIESTON, LIVINGSTON WEST LOTHIAN

Welcome to the Public Consultation to outline the proposal for a housing development on behalf of Barratt David Wilson Homes and the landowner at Murieston Road, Murieston in advance of a Planning Application being submitted to West Lothian Council.

The purpose of this consultation is to provide initial information on the proposal and listen to the community's views to assist with shaping the application.

Clarendon Planning & Development have been appointed by the applicants to progress a 'Planning Application in Principle' for housing, which will be accompanied by a design framework/masterplan demonstrating how the site can be developed including key issues such as access, approximate number of houses, open space and landscaping. Detailed design will be subject to a further application once the principle of development is accepted.

The site extends to approximately 31 hecatres in total and is located on the western edge of Murieston, south of Brucefield Industrial Estate and the A71. The accompanying plan outlines the proposed application boundary.

The proposed planning application seeks to provide a significant contribution to West Lothian's substantial housing land requirement and need to maintain a 5 year effective housing land supply, as set out in Government policy.

West Lothian are required to identify deliverable sites for over 2,000 new houses by 2024 and it is the applicant's intention to submit an application to demonstrate deliverability of the site but also work with the Council in terms of their new Local Development Plan which will identify areas for housing growth.

In taking forward the planning and design of the site, key policy and guidance will be taken into account, including the Government's 'Creating Places' and 'Designing Streets' policies alongside West Lothian's own planning policies and design guidance.





Location Plan











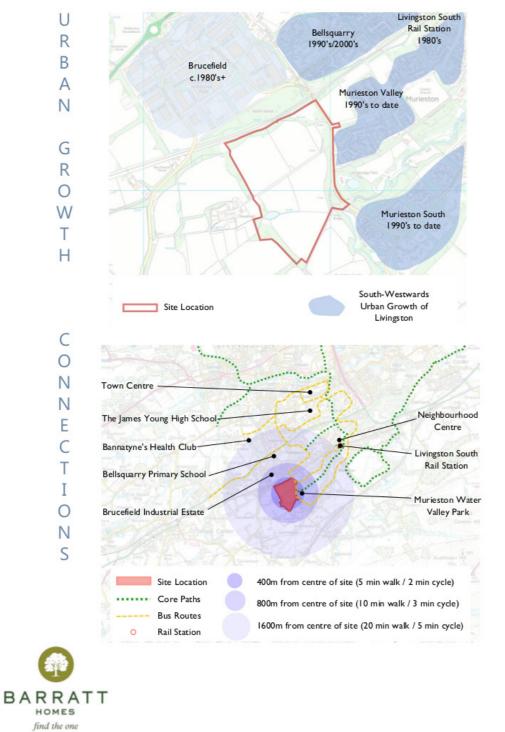


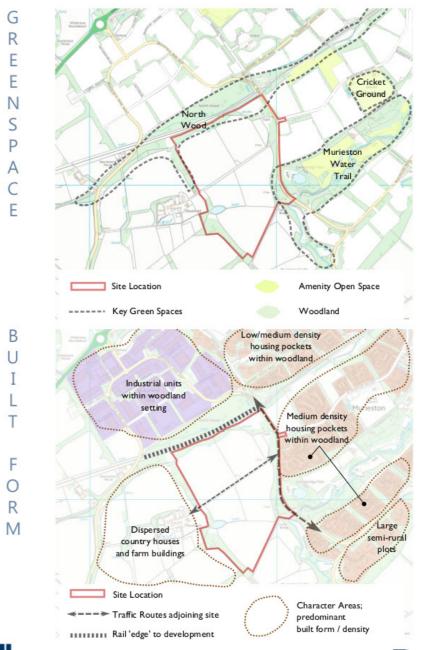
Appendix D - Pre App Boards

BOARD 1 INTRODUCTION



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Appendix D - Pre App Boards

BOARD 2 SITE ANALYSIS



MURIESTON ROAD, MURIESTON, LIVINGSTON WEST LOTHIAN





View south-west from railway crossing over Murieston Road with trees screening rail line



View from west of site (approaching Brucefield Industrial Park) with trees screening longer range views



View westwards from Murieston Road with mature tree setting





Appendix D - Pre App Boards

BOARD 3 LANDSCAPE CONTEXT



MURIESTON ROAD, MURIESTON, LIVINGSTON WEST LOTHIAN

INDICATIVE DESIGN FRAMEWORK

The accompanying plan outlines an indicative design framework for the development of the site. This is based upon an extension of the high quality existing Murieston residential area with new housing set within a strong woodland framework and a continuation of the Murieston Trail greenspace links through the site.

Given the scale of the site, it is considered that a phased approach is appropriate with Phase 1 incorporating the northern part of the site for up to 200 No. houses plus open space and augmented woodland. Access would be via a new junction onto Murieston Road, north of Murieston Valley linking a new residential street and a network of residential lanes.

Intrusion into the countryside in minimised with the site forming a natural extension of Murieston with defensible boundaries formed by existing mature treebelts to north and west, whilst the southern hedgerow boundary can be augmented by tree planting. A southern boundary for Phase 1 would be formed by the existing wooded access lane which bisects the overall site.

Existing views, whether short or long range, into the site are limited by the existing woodland, which can also form a high quality development edge to Murieston Road and a natural link between the site and the Murieston Valley parkland.

Plan Key:

- A Proposed new residential street, accessed from Murieston Road
- B Existing tree-lined access to Westfield
- C Proposed greenspace through heart of site, linking to Murieston Trail
- D Existing woodland augmented with new planting where necessary
- E Proposed housing, formed with range of plot sizes
- F Proposed Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDS) on lower-lying land

Scope for approximately 50 completions per annum from 2016 onwards, subject to planning timescales.





Please leave feedback comments on the forms provided or:

By Post: Clarendon Planning & Development Ltd, Exchange Place 2, 5 Semple Street, Edinburgh EH3 8BL By Email: info@clarendonpd.co.uk Via Website: www.clarendonpd.co.uk

Please provide any responses by Thursday 12th June 2014.

Please note that a formal period for comments will be made available by West Lothian Council once the application has been submitted



Appendix D - Pre App Boards

BOARD 4



Murieston Road Pre-Application Questionnaire

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29th May 2014

Today's event allows for an introduction to the proposal and allows the local community to provide feedback, to be taken into consideration as the development proposals progress towards a Planning Application. Please provide your comments below, which will be incorporated into a Pre-application Consultation report to be submitted with the application to West Lothian Council.

How did you hear about today's consultation event? (please circle as appropriate) Ι.

	Leaflet	Newspaper Advert	Clarendon Website	
	Comr	nunity Council/Counci	llor Neighbour	
2.	Has this Public Consultation	on Event provided useful i	nformation?	
Yes	No		Unsure	(please circle)
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3.	Were you aware of the lev	el of housing land require	d to be identified in West Lo	othian?
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4.	Are you in favour of new h	nousing in Murieston?		
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Comments				

5.	Are you in fav	your of the general design	framework as se	t out on Board 4?	
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6.	What type of	housing do you consider	should be includ	ed in the masterplan?	
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In ord	ler for us to red	cord this feedback, please	provide your cor	ntact details, which will be	e held in accordance

In of the Data Protection Act.

NAME: EMAIL: ADDRESS:

Please return the questionnaire to one of the development team present or, alternatively you may send the completed questionnaire to: Clarendon Planning and Development, Exchange Place 2, 5 Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL or go to www.clarendonpd.co.uk to complete a questionnaire online. Please return completed questionnaires by 12th June 2014.

It should be noted that this questionnaire provides an opportunity for informal comments and does not constitute formal consultation, which will be made available via the Council once the application is submitted.

Appendix E - Questionnaire

Question Response 32 Total

Some of the returned questionnaires had answers missing which accounts for the change in numbers between each question. For example, some people chose to omit question 5 and 6 because they oppose the principle of development.

- How did you hear about today's consultation event? Ι. Leaflet - 17 Newspaper Advert - 0 Clarendon Website - 4 Community Council / Councillor - 3 Neighbour - 9
- Has this Public Consultation Event provided useful information? 2. Yes - 22 No - 3 Unsure - 7
- Were you aware of the level of housing land required to be identified in West Lothian? 3. Yes - 14 No - 16 Unsure - 2
- Are you in favour of new housing in Murieston? 4. Yes - 9 No - 19 Unsure - 9
- Are you in favour of the general design framework as set out on Board 4? 5.

Yes - 5 No - 16 Unsure - 9

What type of housing do you consider should be included in the masterplan? (Multiple question) 6. Detached - 22 Semi-Detached / Terraced - 6 Apartments - I No comment - 8

Appendix F - Questionnaire Results

Clarendon Planning and Development Ltd

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