

Dear Sir,

I urge you to remove housing site E01 - 0168 from the Housing List and forthcoming Local Plan for the following reasons:-

1. This land is outwith Linlithgow Settlement and has 'Area of Great Landscape Value' meaning it has not to be built on and should have an enhanced level of environmental protection with special status in the new Plan as a core Special Landscape Area of the Bathgate Hills. To allow such an area on the Housing List is a clear contradiction of the Councils own advice which says the Council should 'resist development pressure on the edge of Linlithgow particularly where it advances uphill to the skylines'. This site falls precisely into this category, as it is on the border between Linlithgow and the foothills of Cockleroy.

2. The views from Cockleroy to the town scores 'high' in the Landscape Designation Review and is considered a 'core' area. Building on this site would obliterate the views and set a precedent for further encroachment on the Bathgate Hills.

3. When Donaldsons School was being built, several houses were flooded by run off water. Further development would increase the risk of more flooding in the future.

4. The local primary school is oversubscribed, the roads around the schools on Preston Road are a traffic blackspot which the Council refuses to do anything about. This will only get worse.

I live at No. █ Deanburn Road and can personally vouch for the amount of traffic using this road as there is only one way in and one way out of the estate, another fifty homes with at least two cars per household is going to make a bad situation even worse at normal times far less in the winter where it can be horrendous.

Yours Sincerely,

