

WLC REF: MIRQ0061

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns and objections to the proposed developments within the Manse Road area (around the Glebe, Oatlands and Clarendon).

As a resident of Linlithgow and living in [REDACTED] I am very concerned for a number of reasons:

- The bridge at the canal basin cannot cope with heavy machinery going over it. There have been several instances of lorries getting stuck and damaging the bridge and as it is a one way system it would create chaos and long delays to have any building machinery going over it and to get to the proposed site this route would need to be used.
- The schools and particularly Low Port Primary school and Linlithgow Academy have not the capacity to take the extra children that the 400 proposed properties would bring. The council would be breaking their pledge to GIRFEC - getting it right for every child as not only will they affect the education of the children currently attending the schools in Linlithgow but also of those children due to join the schools.
- The canal basin and surrounding area are renowned for being areas of natural beauty and conservation, by building 400 extra houses you will change the whole look of the area to the detriment of all, including the tourists that flock here because of the natural beauty and care Linlithgow takes of its surroundings.
- Manse Road is a very busy road and the disruption that has been caused by extensions that have taken place along the road have highlighted this, on several occasions the lollipop lady has had concerns for the safety of the children in her care, drivers can be reckless if in a hurry and when trucks are taking up the road. 400+ extra cars will make the situation considerably worse.
- As recently seen in the Gazette the health centre in Linlithgow is already suffering from patient delays in getting appointments, an extra 400 families is going to put extra strain on an already stretched service.
- The High Street infrastructure is already stretched to the limits and building extra houses is not going to help this.
- There are more suitable places to build extra houses and I realise there is a need for them but this area of Linlithgow is not suitable on too many levels.
- The financial side should not be the only consideration, please think about the area and the families that already live in it.

I thank you in advance.

Regards,
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