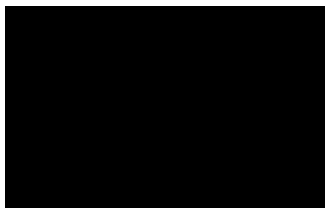


MIRQ0089



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re; objections to the west Lothian development plan.

E01 – 0045, E01-0210 and E01-0184

This proposal is not a good one on many levels;

1, E01-0045; Over populated; in units to hectares 50 units to 2 Ha, a ratio of 25 units to 1 Ha, which can only be achieved by Flats, which would not be appropriate for the approach road from the south of Linlithgow, a Historic town.

2, This area in particular has been mostly of low build Chalet style (Glebe, Laverock Park and Oatlands Park ) and do not to spoil the views of Linlithgow ( from Beecraigs Country Park these houses are well hidden) or the approach to Linlithgow.

E01-0184 and E01-0210

3, Manse road is a very busy and at several points very narrow due to parking or the Canal Bridge itself, it can only just cope with the amount of traffic it has already, any additional housing would make the bridge and the road a serious safety issue to pedestrians, vehicle users and wildlife.

4, The Bridge at the canal basin has suffered a lot of damage this year from busses and lorry's being rerouted due to closure of Linlithgow high street, and is now deemed to be unsuitable for long/large vehicles, which would pose a huge problem if building off Manse road for all deliveries and works vehicles.

5,a, Low port primary school is at full capacity any further housing will not be accommodated by the local school that is within walking distance.

5,b, children would have to cross roads that would be busy and not have a safety crossing patrol.

6,a, Water run off, at the moment when there is heavy rain, the road cannot cope with the amount of water and Leads to the bottom of manse road flooding, this is due partly to the drains not being cleaned out as often as they need, (grit put down instead of salt 2 years ago, leaves, and nuts from the trees and also debris from the degrading road surface blocking the drains) any further housing would make this worse.

6,b, Winter months can be very dangerous as cars cannot get up the steep hill from the town centre and skid on to the paths and on coming traffic, now the speed humps have been introduced this make it worse and blocks the road that much quicker.

7, Linlithgow health centre is struggling to cope with the amount of patients it has at the moment any increase will put further strain on the practice.

8, Linlithgow high street at peak times is already struggling with the amount of traffic, any road works or repairs bring the town to a standstill.

E01-0184

9, The proposed development of up to 12 units is too many, this will cause traffic congestion and make it very dangerous for children going and returning from school, as you have to be on the road before you can see if there is any cars coming out of the entrance, also from the approach to the entrance visibility is not good for children due to parked cars on either side. 12 units will mean at least 24 more cars, and again the local school is full. ( assuming 1house =1 unit, I suggest the number be restricted to 4 including Carendon House ) with new parking restrictions to allow clear views of the entrance, but this will still not address the school issue or the health centre.

E01-0062

This area should have been a council purchase or private purchase to make a 3 tiered car park for Linlithgow train station, developing as houses will only exasperate the problems and leave no room for an alternate parking for the very busy station, (only building a train connection between Bo'ness and Edinburgh would help but be so much more expensive)

E01-0103

This proposed development is far too big and will cause, traffic problems, again the health centre can not cope with more inhabitants, the drop in school numbers in Spring field primary is largely due to families with grown up children, when these families move to other areas this will release housing stock to fill these places, not to mention the elderly population that may move into the new retirement apartments in the Centre of Linlithgow. The town centre cannot cope with yet more traffic, and building an estate outside of town will have a detrimental effect on the town's shops and historic appearance.

Yours sincerely,

