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I wish to comment on the West Lothian Local development plan.

I live in Linlithgow on the south side of the canal in Oatlands Park. I have seen the expressions of interest by builders to build houses on the south side of the canal. This area of Linlithgow already suffers from a high vehicle use / demand on narrow historic routes such as the bridge over the canal basin and Strawberry Bank. Most of the properties on Strawberry Bank do not have garages causing the road to be permanently down to one lane, it is very busy as it runs parallel to the High Street and the canal basin bridge is hit by vehicles on a regular basis. Neither the bridge nor the Strawberry bank situation will be improved by building more houses on the south side of the canal. Building more houses will increase the traffic over the canal bridge and making the bridge busier will increase the risk of accidents and detract from the aesthetic of the historic canal basin.

Manse Road, the canal basin bridge and Back Station Road traffic flow already has additional vehicle use and pressure from out with Linlithgow because of the vehicular access to Linlithgow train station, this pressure is likely to increase.

In conclusion, many of the roads round this part of Linlithgow were built prior to the invention of cars, contain houses with no off street parking and are already extremely busy because of the road layout in Linlithgow and the proximity to the train station, factors that are difficult to adjust.

Even the building of a relief road round the back of Linlithgow would not hugely improve the situation on the south side above the canal basin if more houses are build as human nature usually causes people to take the shortest driving route available.

I think there should be no further housing development on the south side of Linlithgow above the canal basin

Yours sincerely,

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