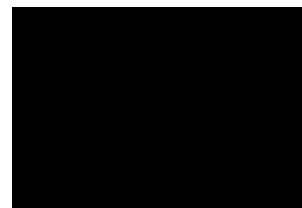


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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Subject: West Lothian Local Development Plan**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object strongly to the proposals to build on open ground in the areas around the South East of Linlithgow ( areas marked as E01-0210, E01-0050, E01-0045 on the Main Issues Report Map 1) as I believe this to be detrimental to the local area, as well as to my own property.

I don't believe this conform to the “enhance the environment” ethos which earlier plan espouses.

Previous proposals for developing on the agricultural land that borders Linlithgow on the East have been rejected, and any new plans should be also be rejected as there has been no material change to meet previous objections. In addition, it is better understood now that “brown land” should be redeveloped instead of building on green farmland as it is more sustainable.

The local wildlife – especially badgers and bats which are frequently to be seen in the area – would also be adversely affected, and the many mature trees that are in the area should also be protected.

I also believe the tourist appeal and economic benefits that Linlithgow and West Lothian benefit from will be reduced.

My own property would be affected, with loss of privacy and the privacy, and there will be noise pollution from both traffic and domestic sources, where there is currently only natural wildlife sounds. There will be overshadowing and loss of natural light that has been uninterrupted for over 20 years. Also there will be water "running off" paved, concreted areas where there is currently natural farm land drainage. I also consider it extremely likely that considerable work and disruption would be involved to connect the proposed development to the existing sewer system, which already has frequent blockage problems.

The additional traffic from new houses and their associated cars plus visitor and delivery cars/vans will be a considerable addition to the already strained traffic in Linlithgow. Linlithgow has natural and historical limitations to the amount of traffic that can be supported.

Regards,

