

WLC REF: MIRQ0105

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above applications under the Local Development Plan. Please accept this email as formal objection as detailed below.

Main Issues Report 3.172

Main Issues Report 3.180

Main Issues Report 3.186

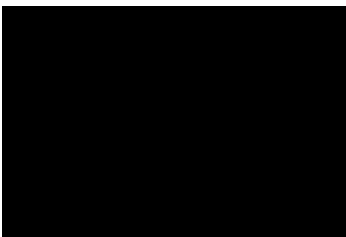
The provisions that are set out in these sections of the MIR are not satisfied by either of the planned developments.

First of all, the developments would have no connection with any rural economic activity; they would not contribute to the countryside in any beneficial way. The sites are not in need of rehabilitation. Furthermore, the plans show no indication of agreement with the council's Lowland Crofting policy as they state that 350 and 150 properties could be built on the respective plots. This is in no way low density and would have a detrimental effect on the countryside as a whole.

Additionally, if these plans were to go ahead the growth of the local woodland (Managed by the Central Scotland Green Network) would be drastically limited. The extra houses would cause a high level of pollution (noise, light, air) in the area as well as disrupting native wildlife. There is a high population of wildlife living in the planned development zones including the following: deer, hare, rabbits, foxes, badgers, pheasant, geese, jays, kingfisher to name but a few. If this land was to be developed the habitats of these animals would certainly be disrupted and may cause a severe drop in population.

Finally, the proposed developments referenced above would contradict Main Issue 6. They would not protect the valued landscape of Easter Breich and Seafield on the banks of the Almond and Breich Water. They would seriously affect the currently diverse local wildlife reserve. And, most importantly, they would not contribute towards creating a "green network across West Lothian".

Yours faithfully,



Sent from my iPhone