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Dear Sir/Madam,

West Lothian Local Development Plan - Linlithgow

I wish to object to the proposed housing developments for Linlithgow (EOI - 0045, 0210, 0184, 0168 in particular) within the Main Issues Report for the following reasons:

1. There is no clear provision for infrastructure development in line with proposals for an additional 580+ houses.
2. Schooling, and in particular the Academy, does not have capacity without a clearly defined timeline for the transfer of excess capacity to the proposed new school planned for Winchburgh.
3. Approximately 40% of the housing is in the upper Linlithgow and Union canal conservation area and is clearly contradicting the council's own advice in the Landscape Designation Review (LDR), which states that development pressure on Linlithgow's fringes should be resisted.
4. There is already substantial traffic congestion in the Manse Road and Preston Road areas and the safety risk to roadusers and pedestrians would be unacceptable without clear proposals for alternative infrastructure development.
5. The proposed developments will substantially impact wildlife in the surrounding fields to the south of the town, again contrary to the Council's stance on preserving and encouraging wildlife near settlements.

The proposed housing list south of the Union Canal should be drastically reduced and any remaining small-scale development must not be considered unless a comprehensive impact analyses and infrastructure proposals accompany it.

Yours sincerely,

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