

WLC REF: MIRQ0119

To the Development Planning Unit
West Lothian Council

I object to the inclusion of the proposed housing site E01-0168 (Preston Farm) in the main issues for the following reasons:

1. Contradiction in the main issues report

The land is outside of the Linlithgow Settlement and has AGLV status. The Council's own Landscape Designation Review (LDR) clearly shows the land should have an enhanced level of enhanced level of environmental protection.

2. Public Amenity

The farmland in question gives spectacular public views of the listed Preston House, ancient woodland and Cockleroy from the South along Deanburn Road. Views from the town to Cockleroy and vice versa are dramatically enhanced by these fields and are highly valued by the residents of the town.

3. Environment

Housing encroachment would threaten the preservation of wildlife that these fields, hedgerows and adjacent woodland attract. The field in question has many types birds, badgers, small mammals, bees' and butterflies in and around its periphery.

4. Flooding

The increased run off will further exacerbate the problem of excess rainwater encroaching into houses and gardens at the bottom of Deanburn Road. It is over 10 years since the Council stopped without explanation to suction the storm drains along pedestrian pathways in the Deanburn Estate.

5. Schooling and School Safety

Linlithgow Primary School is oversubscribed and cannot cater for a further influx of children. We certainly do not want more cars

leading onto Preston Road which itself is a traffic hazard compounded by the 'rat run' that the Council built along Riccarton Road. With Preston Road School environs being almost blocked by parents' cars the last thing we need is more cars journeying up and down Preston Road.

6. Neighbourhood

Residents who bought property in the Deanburn area were given promises that any future building would be refused as the adjacent fields have AGLV status. This is evidenced by every past building plan being rejected. New developments would breach these assurances, cause distress and potentially affect home values that are enhanced by uninterrupted views.

We urge you to remove this site from the housing list and forthcoming Local Plan.

Yours sincerely

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