

WLC REF: MIRQ0127

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Subject: West Lothian Main Issues Report - Comments

Dear Sirs

I have included below my comments on the Main Issues Report and the West Lothian Council Planning Department's "Preferred Options"

My comment mainly refer to Linlithgow and the option to remove the 'Area of Restraint' designation

Linlithgow

In terms of support services and support infrastructure Linlithgow is full. To add new significant developments to Linlithgow would put unnecessary strain of the infrastructure in Linlithgow

- Schools – at their limit and I don't believe that the new school at Winchburgh will solve the situation
- Parking – there needs to be realistic and significant solutions to parking in Linlithgow to accommodate an increase in size
- Roads and bridges – there are already bottle necks in and around the Town and at rush hour there is significant congestion.
- Bridges – changes out with the bridges will put more strain on the 'bottlenecks and dangerous bridges in the town. These bridges will need significant alteration and civil works to be able to cope.
 - Canal Bridge
 - Rail Bridge at beginning of Edinburgh Road
 - Canal bridge on Edinburgh Road
- Etc. etc...

I believe the Linlithgow would need to address the infrastructure issues and prove they were effective BEFORE removing any 'Area of Restraint' designation

Pilgrims Hill

- Specifically for Pilgrims Hill any development in this area .would need significant development of natural gas and sewage supplies.

- Water supply down Edinburgh Road is poor and subject to several leaks
- No main sewage on Edinburgh Road
- No natural gas supply beyond the canal bridge.

Change in Policy?

Previous enquires and planning applications by me and other to develop properties along Edinburgh Road were rejected by the Planning Department as “they would spoil the entrance to a historic town”.

It does now seem odd that the same department now wish to agreed to build 200 houses along the entrance to the town?

My objections to removing the ‘Area of Restraint’ designation follow the comments above.

Regards

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