

WLC REF: MIRQ0136

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 October 2014 23:28

To: wlldp

Subject: LDP - Comments

Sir,

Please find comments opposing your Local Development Plan.

Regarding the construction of 150 houses in the Westwood area, I disagree with the councils preferred and alternative approach regarding both the building and the environment.

The proposed small scale construction will not benefit the existing rural community in any way. The current infrastructure will not support proposed developments and the cost to develop the required infrastructure will be uneconomical. The existing rail links have insufficient car parking space and the road network is already dangerously overused. This is proven by the number of accidents, including fatalities, in recent years. An electric sub station would be required to accommodate increased usage. There is no sewage system in place and no gas mains to provide basic services.

Schooling and basic amenities are lacking. Leisure activities at present revolve around outdoor activities using the land you are considering for building therefore the detrimental affect on the current community is too great a price to pay.

Increased usage of the Central Scotland Forest Trust land and the building around this will impact on the environment, destroying cherished countryside which supports a vast range of wildlife including deer, otters, pheasants, foxes, birds of prey to name but a few. As these creatures have already been forced from their habitats with the growth of Livingston, Wester Inch and the other large developments we are in danger of losing these animals in our countryside.

My alternative option would be to re-consider and increase the development of larger sites i.e. Heartlands, Wester Inch etc as 150 additional houses in these areas will have far less of an impact than the proposals you are considering.

Yours

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