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Our Ref: JBM/DC

Development Planning
West Lothian Council
County Buildings
High Street
Linlithgow
EH49 7EZ

Dear Sir,

**WEST Lothian LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
MAIN ISSUES REPORT REPRESENTATIONS - OCTOBER 2014**

We write with regard to the above, please find enclosed documentation in support of representations made on behalf of Aithrie Estate and Hopetoun Estate Trust. These representations are for opportunities at:

1. Newton
2. Threemiletown
3. Niddry Mains House, Winchburgh
4. Whitequarries and Craigton Quarry, Hopetoun Estate

Also enclosed is the Main Issues Questionnaire which has been duly completed.

Aithrie Estate and Hopetoun Estate Trust requests the Council recognise that rural communities need to be supported and have their own amenities and activities that need regeneration and development to sustain such communities. They believe that both Newton and Threemiletown would benefit from inward investment and new housing, including affordable housing, to sustain local facilities and regenerate sense of place. This Investment could help fund improved community and recreational facilities. We have taken time to illustrate how these villages could be regenerated within the master plan documents submitted.

Also submitted are indicative proposals for a site in Winchburgh, south of Niddry Mains House. This site is designated "white land" and deemed to be "housing and compatible uses", however, it is unclear why this site has not been included within the wider Winchburgh CDA boundary. It is clearly a "development site" and needs to be accounted for moving forward.

Aithrie Estate and Hopetoun Estate Trust are also keen to promote tourism in West Lothian, which in turn creates jobs. They believe that Hopetoun Estate already plays a part - but has far more to offer from its landholding. Part of the Hopetoun strategy involves provision of leisure opportunities and accommodation where visitors can stay. Included in the submission are aspirations for these leisure and tourism opportunities located at Whitequarries, Craigton Quarry and Cockmuir Quarry.

Should you require any further information then do not hesitate to contact us.

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