

Development Planning  
West Lothian Council  
Council Buildings  
Linlithgow  
EH49 7EZ



Dear Sir or Madam

The Local Development Plan is open for consultation, and I would like you to consider my comments as follows:-

I object very strongly to the proposed development at Clarendon Farm, E01 - 210, for the following reasons:-

- 1) There is no access to this site, other than a) along a single track to Clarendon Farm at the side of my property, address above, and the foundations of this house would not withstand without serious damage the pressure of the heavy traffic involved, and b) along Clarendon Road, which would be intolerable for the residents there, including myself - this is currently a narrow cul de sac, and residents do not deserve the proposed summary change of purpose and assault on the character of the street in which they have their homes.

The following comments apply similarly to E01 – 210, and also to the proposals For E01 to E045 land east of Manse Road on the plan:-

- 2) The Manse Road basin Conservation Area would lose its peaceful character through the volume of traffic this building would cause in the construction phase and thereafter once the developments were occupied
- 3) The Manse Road canal bridge is unsuitable for the traffic involved - this bridge is a safe route to school and is used by residents and canal visitors, and the increased traffic, including during construction, would make the use of the bridge dangerous more often and more critically than it already is, the more so for the elderly and young who currently use this area for recreation
- 4) There is a myth in your report that people would walk to town for both commuting on by train and to shop - these properties would be up a steep, substantial hill, at the least almost a mile from the station or the High Street - residents would be driving, just as the vast majority of journeys made for these purposes by residents much nearer than these proposed residences already are.
- 5) Local health and education services and our already too traffic strained town centre would not be able to cope with the potential additional customers.
- 6) As these developments are a car journey away from our already over-driven to town, these developments would likely not add to the community. As they are a car journey away, people coming in from outside would have little incentive to use local services if they could drive just the same to somewhere they already know, even if that somewhere is several miles away.

In summary for both developments, there is significant disinformation at the heart of the plan in a lack of description of the fact that it's all up a long steep hill over a very narrow almost two hundred years' old bridge in a conservation area which has already received the maximum amount of development possible without spoiling the quality of life for those already there, for the purpose of creating an inferior environment for these new ones to whom you would offer a myth.

Yours faithfully

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