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Subject: LINLITHGOW , HLL-12, PRESTON FARM FIELD
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I am making this submission as an individual representing my own views. This is my first representation of the proposed plan. I have examined the plans and I know the site well. I wish to object strongly to the development of these houses in this location.

1. This field is part of an "Area of Great Landscape Value" (AGLV) and this proposal will redraw the existing boundary of the AGLV. In fact the Councils own advisors had proposed to increase the designation of the AGLV to a Special Landscape Area, which provides a higher level of protection. The character of Linlithgow must be protected and this area of Linlithgow gives an outstanding setting to the south of the town from near and afar. The fundamental policy of an AGLV is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently openand consequently the most important attribute of green belts is their openness. The proposed development is in close proximity to a fine old listed building and in an area of natural beauty and also a haven for wildlife such as bats and badgers. Must this quiet haven be destroyed?

National Guidance states (SSP 2.4) ***"there will be a strong presumption against inappropriate development in the Green Belt"***

2. The number of houses proposed would see a huge increase in traffic down Preston Road and the High street. Preston Road has Primary Schools with parking problems and bottlenecks at various times of the day so this would only add to the traffic problems already being experienced at Preston Road. Access to the site is via Deanburn Road, at present a quiet road but traffic will increase considerably. Deanburn Road and [REDACTED] opens up to Preston Road with very poor visibility to traffic on the right. Further traffic from the the new site will only exacerbate this problem. Due to the traffic through the town centre at peak times roads such as Riccarton Drive, Manse Road and adjoining estates are being used as rat runs. The amount of traffic through Linlithgow is reaching crisis point especially at peak times and this would only add to the pressure. Linlithgow is a village with a main High Street; it was never built for a never ending population explosion, there are traffic pinch points all over the town and this will just get worse. The town's character is slowly being consumed by new estates.

3. There will be added pressure on Schools and Health Clinics, already bursting at the seams

4. Finally, For the sake of 60 very expensive houses which will make no meaningful contribution to Linlithgow.....Linlithgow will LOSE an area of great natural beauty.

Yours Faithfully

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