From: Sent: 07 June 2011 01:33 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Planning Brief Consultation

# Dear Fiona

I am writing to object to the proposed use of the vacant land next to the Almondvale Roundabout (Junction with Alderstone Road and Charlesfield Road). At present this piece of land is a green area full of wildlife.

- We need to preserve these conservation greenbelt linking areas within the town boundary.
- The amenity of an open environment gives added value to the community and a sense of wellbeing.
- The wooded areas are full of wild life mainly because they are undisturbed. This will not be the case if more housing is added.
- The cemetery in Adambrae is quiet and serene. I am sure the residents of the town, and of the surrounding area, would like it to remain so. The site area of the cemetery will grow over the years to come and it would seem sensible if ground was available for that purpose.
- 1 in 5 houses in Ireland are lying vacant due to the economic downturn caused by overproduction of housing. We do not want that to be the case here. There are plans for a considerable number of additional housing developments throughout West Lothian and this small area should be excluded.
- The wildlife corridor must be preserved and should not be concreted over, when there are many other, non-wildlife sites, available.
- The traffic is bad enough at the Almondvale roundabout without the addition of another arm.
- Adambrae and Livingston village communities are quite respected small communities and the addition of extra housing could reduce their value.
- There is a large enough retail park within the town and to make additional facilities would only duplicate the provided amenities. Having any retail facilities on that side of Alderstone road would encourage pedestrian traffic to cross the roundabout and a busy main road.

- There are many empty business office and warehouse spaces already in Livingston, so to build even more would be building for building's sake and at the cost to the wildlife.
- Eliburn has a new children's' leisure park and it is wonderful, but it is well out of sight of surrounding houses and not in a high traffic area. I commend the council for that provision but suggest that another one is not needed.
- It is essential to the wellbeing of the residents of Livingston that a substantial amount of green belt is preserved throughout the town. This particular area is near to the concrete jungle, that is the centre.
- The sale of this piece of land will only provide a small addition to the council coffers and will have a negative effect on the existing residents forever.
- A local resident has already tried to buy the land with the intent that it should be able to remain as it is. He was told that it was greenbelt and would never be used for anything else and therefore would not be sold. Why has the council changed the rules? Is money more important than residents wellbeing and wishes? If this goes ahead then I see a lot of voters changing their vote come the next election.
- The addition of a footpath connecting Adambrae with the site is unwelcome and is strongly objected to, as pedestrian traffic is not encouraged through the residential area of Adambrae. All streets within Adambrae are of a dead-end nature, giving a sense of peace and quiet and a measure of security to the residents.
- The consideration of solar gain for any new houses / gardens will encourage the removal of the established trees which is unacceptable to the residents.

A signed petition is currently being circulated within the community and will be lodged with the Council shortly.

Yours sincerely

(Adambrae Resident)

From:

Sent: 08 June 2011 21:04

**To:** McBrierty, Fiona; De Bold, Robert - Councillor; Fitzpatrick, Lawrence; Johnston, Peter (Councillor); Logue, Danny(cllr); Muir, John - Councillor **Subject:** Planing Brief Cosultation: Almonvale Roundabout, Livingston

Dear Fiona

Further to your letter dated 4th May 2011 regarding the above planning brief (your ref BRIEFS/1 FMcB/AU), I am writing on behalf of my family residing at Bluebell Glade to lodge our objection to the requested planning permission for the plot in question. I have lived in Livingston for the past 20 years (the last 10 years in Adambrae) and have become very concerned at the continued erosion of green areas within the town. One look at the current Google Earth image around the proposed development site (which is approximately 8 years old) highlights how much the town centre has encroached into the land around the Adambrae area. What makes the proposed development even more galling is the fact that so many industrial/retail units around the town lie vacant, and yet you are now proposing development on a fresh piece of Green Belt. A case in point would be the vacant and boarded up Nikon site across the road from the proposed site.

When we moved into Bluebell Glade, we chose this location due to the quiet cull-de-sac environment it offered where children can play safely in the street. There is no through traffic and the street is very secluded.

Our main concerns regarding any development are;

- Erosion of Green Belt area.
- Resulting impact on wildlife.
- Visual impact i.e. height of proposed buildings.
- Noise pollution from residential/retail/industrial units.
- Light pollution from residential/retail/industrial units.
- Odours from residential/retail/industrial units.
- Increased crime.
- Increased littering.
- Increased traffic/congestion at roundabout.
- Use of quiet cull de sac as a pedestrian through way.

We feel very strongly that what has until now been the perfect location to raise our family would be spoiled forever. This is our home. We have lived here for 10 years and in that time have seen a hugh change in the green belt areas surrounding our home. Please no more!

**Best Regards** 

From: Sent: 08 June 2011 20:48 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Planning Brief Consultation: Almondvale Roundabout, Livingston

Dear Fiona,

During a conversation with a community councillor this week, it has come to my attention that West Lothian Council are planning to develop green

belt land next to the Almondvale Roundabout, Livingston. Why has no communication been made to affected Adambrae residents, who would be impacted by such a development? I feel strongly that the development of the proposed area would have a negative impact:

1. The greenbelt area should be preserved - a habitat which is full of wildlife and which should remain undisturbed.

2. Traffic at the roundabout is already very busy and adding another arm would just make it considerably worse.

3. Any development in this area would potentially reduce the re-sale of

any existing property within Adambrae. A key reason for buying our property was the strip of woodland behind our garden. It provides a very pleasant view and adds to our privacy. The prospect of being overlooked by additional buildings would reduce our privacy and significantly change the outlook from our house.

4. Bluebell Glade, which would lie adjacent to the new development is currently a very quiet cul-de-sac, which provides a safe haven for the large number of children that live there. Opening up access to/from Bluebell Glade would be seen as very unacceptable from a safety point of view and it would also increase the amount of pedestrian traffic.

I am angry that Adambrae residents have not been consulted and that any development would have a significant impact on the quality of life we currently enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

(Bluebell Glade Resident)

From:						
Sent:	08	June	2011	19:06		
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I am writing on behalf of myself and my partner residing at Bluebell Glade to lodge our disapproval for a requested planning permission on the corner of Alderstone Road and Charleston Road (opposite Morrisons). When we moved into Bluebell Glade, we chose this location due to the environment it offered our children. Presently the street is a quiet cul-de-sac offering an environment where the children can play safely in the street. There is no through traffic and the street is very secluded. If the proposed planning is accepted then the area to the North of the street will become open and this will, in turn, create a very different environment and feel within the street.

Presently this is a very green belt type of area and has trees and wildlife. If this is then changed for a developed piece of land, then the environment would be irrevocably altered. The area where the children play would no longer be as secluded and would not offer the current safety and security afforded to them. The green belt area in the street would also be greatly reduced affecting the nature and wildlife and also the outlook and views afforded to us with the current situation would be detrimentally affected. We believe that planning permission was refused to a private developer previously, due to the area being a green belt area. This ethos should still be the same whether it is a private developer or the council.

Furthermore, the traffic on the Aldertstone road is already a very busy area with this being one of the main routes from the A71 to many key locations within Livingston (i.e. the Almondvale centre, The Almondvale Stadium, St. Johns Hospital, as well as numerous business parks already on this route). In adding further development (either commercial, residential or leisure) this would add to the traffic congestion and, yet further, affect the environment of this green belt area.

Yours Sincerely

From: Sent: 10 June 2011 12:52 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: RE: Proposed planning permisson

Dear Fiona,

Further to previous correspondence I am writing again to advise that after speaking to people in our community, EVERYONE is against any proposed building work at the Adambrae roundabout. Furthermore, we are also angry at not being formally advised by the council of the proposed building work, and only found out by pure chance. I would like this also to be noted in the report for the planning brief to the Council Executive as well as our previous objections.

We hope that you take our objections seriously and not disregarded as we feel very strongly about destroying this green belt area.

I look forward to hearing from you soon on this matter.

Regards

From: Sent: 08 June 2011 13:09 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject:

Dear Mrs McBrierty,

As a horticulturalist I am deeply concerned for the proposed development on the site opposite Morrisons at Adambrae in Livingston. This is a key green site. It is very concerning as Edinburgh Council has done the same with green zones. Making them valuable for resale. It is the aestetic value people appreciate in areas where they live as there is little or few lands like this in residential areas. I realise this is a hard time for the council as finances are hard to come by but I am sure there are other ways than raping the land of it assets. I used to stay in Livingston and when I return it seems development has taken over and the roads and hospitals can't cope with the outlay. I would suggest, further development shoud be addressed to other areas, where there are no concerns for wildlife and natural habitation.

Thanks for your time, please respond by reply.



From: Sent: 08 June 2011 10:24 To: McBrierty, Fiona Cc: Angela.Constance.msp@scottish.parliament.uk; graeme.morrice.mp@parliament.uk;

Subject: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED USE OF LAND - ADAMBRAE

Dear Fiona

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed use of the vacant land next to the Almondvale Roundabout (Junction with Alderstone Road and Charlesfield Road). At present this piece of land is a green area full of wildlife.

We need to preserve this greenbelt. Myself and my husband tried to buy this piece of land a few years ago (we actually applied twice) so that no developments could be built on it and were told both times that we could not as it was being kept greenbelt and would not be developed. Why has this changed? The wooded areas are full of wild life mainly because they are undisturbed. This will not be the case if more housing or office premises are added. Presently there are numerous empty offices around the Livingston area so I do not understand why this area would be used to build more.

The traffic is bad enough at the Almondvale roundabout without further disruptions.

Yours sincerely

(Adambrae Resident)

From: Sent: 08 June 2011 09:48 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Disapproving with developing at Almondvale Roundabout (nr Adambrae) in Livingston.

Dear Ms. McBrierty June 8 2011

I would like to agree that developing in a natural green zone would be devastating to say the lease. We need to stand united in keeping these types of zones natural as much as we can. As it sits we are heavily destroying what we do have for natural land. Preserving what we have should be our primary concern.

As much as I do understand our population is increasing I truly believe that developing should be done in areas that don't destroy what we have left for nature. In my opinion I think this matter need to be reconsidered and maybe re- zone somewhere not detrimental to nature.

I am against development proposal in this said zoning. Thank you for reading my response on this matter .

Wishing you a good day

### From: Sent: 08 June 2011 09:12 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: OBJECTION TO BUILDING PLAN FOR ALMONDVALE ROUNDABOUT IN LIVINGSTON

# Dear Ms McBrierty

I am writing to share my concern about this development, which is very close to my friend's house. It is a Key Green Site in the area, and the residents really appreciate the facility. To have it replaced by yet more roads dismays me.

Loss of mature trees and green spaces contributes directly to flooding from runoff, as well as degrading the pleasant surroundings that every resident should ideally enjoy.

Livingston is a beautiful town, with many green spaces and small woodlands which are approaching maturity. I think you should consider very carefully whether this is the right approach for the residents of the area, and I hope you listen to their concerns.

Yours sincerely

From:

Sent: 08 June 2011 09:11 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Objection to the Building Plan for Almondvale Roundabout, Livingston (nr Adambrae)

Dear Fiona,

I'm am writing to you to object to the proposal to develop the land at Almondvale Roundabout (nr Adambrae) in Livingston.

This is a key natural green zone, its has meany plants and wildlife and we explore the area with the children, building on it would devastate the area, not to mention its very close to the Natural Trust Land at the other end of Adambrae and the deer for that area of wood land have been seen in the proposed development area.

Also, any development will bring increased traffic and noise pollution, which will be detrimental to our children's health as well as that of the wildlife in the area. Also, the road from Adambrae roundabout to Almondvale rundabout gets backed up very easily most days during rush hour, any additional traffic in the area will further add to the existing problems.

Any development which includes housing will increase the number of children requiring schooling in the local catchment area. Adambrae is within the Bankton Primary catchment and the school is fully subscribed as far as I'm aware, and the local doctor and dental services are also stretched and any additional families would simply add to the already over burdened services.

I would very much appreciate it you could drop me a wee note letting me know that you have received and acknowledged my objection to the proposed development.

**Best Regards** 



From: Sent: 07 June 2011 23:06 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Objection to KEY GREEN SITE Proposal

Dear Ms. McBrierty,

I am writing to object heavily to the planning proposal to build on a KEY GREEN SITE opposite Morrisons at Adambrae in Livingston (Almondvale Roundabout). It is a very important area to the community and building on it would be a real tragedy. There are so many alternative areas that can be built on, yet so few beautiful green areas that are used by people all across the social spectrum.

Please add my email to your list of opposition.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

## From:

Sent: 07 June 2011 21:36 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: objection to proposed building in Adambrae parks

# Dear Fiona

I am writing to object to proposed building of high density housing on green space directly behind my property at Bluebell Glade.

my reasons for objecting are that this development will destroy the Green Space and wildlife within it, It will also mean a total loss of privacy to my property thus devaluing my property because it will be overlooked. I am also concerned that in an already over populated there will be an increase in noise and littering. I am led to believe that the plans are to build high density social housing with footpaths linking into our development this by the nature of the housing and tenents housed with in them cause many problem , it is a fact that people who do not own their property are less likely to maintain it, are not considerate to their immediate environment. Where there are social housing developments the crime levels are most often higher there are more problems with anti social behaviour.

Whilst my main objection is building work of any type obviously I have incresed concerns about social housing as I have many years experience of working within social housing areas and am very well aware of the problems they bring.

I hope you will take action to block these plans

I look forward to your response

From:
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Fiona,

It has came to our attention that there is a proposal for a development adjacent to the rear of Bluebell Glade Adambrae Parks in Livingston.

# When we purchased the property from Wimpey homes in 2000 we were advised that the the land to rear of our properties was "green belt land" and could not be built on and as such this is the grounds for the objection.

Clearly the plans I have seen has raised lot's of question's and concerns.

- How can you build on greenbelt land.
- What is development going to be Industrial? Shops? Hgh level flats? Council Housing ? Housing prvivate developers ?
- What will become of the wooded area to rear of properties of Bluebell Glade.
- What will be the access & egress routes for the proposed development.
- Do we have assurance that Bluebell Glade will retain it's "Cul de Sac" status. There are some 40 children in the Glade and as parent's of a four year old we are extremely concerned that the security a Cul De Sac provides, may be compromised.
- There will be more as time goes on.

We be sending a letter to Wimpey Homes to verify the status (at the time of purchase) of the land to the rear of the property, along with the "deeds" to our property, which are currently with our solicitors. If you can advise if the status of the land has changed after our purchase. We need to know when this decision was made, as once again we have had no correspondence from West Lothian council, regards the status of the land.

We have also signed a petition that is being raised by the residents to protest against the proposal and one of the neighbours will be engaging with the local press, to highlight our concerns.

Once again we find ourselves at a complete loss why the proposal's for such developments are not passed out to the people it directly affects. Why are we not being informed about these plans? You should sending correspondance to those affected. Do you not underrstand the impact this has on people? If we had not been informed by a neighbour this evening we would not have known anything about the plans. This also leads me onto another point regards the closure date for objections to be raised, which I have been advised is 10th June, Yes ! Less than 48 hours from now !

As council tax payers to West Lothian Council we are very dissapointed with the level's of service that we have had in our dealing's with the council since moving here and I am afraid the way this has been handled does not inspire our confidence.

We will be working closely with our neighbours to ensure that all our concerns are addressed.

We look forward to an update from yourself or West Lothian council's planning department.



From: Sent: 07 June 2011 20:03 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Almondvale roundabout livingston

Fiona, I would like to note that I disapprove of the plans to build on the land at Almondvale roundabout. This plot of land should remain as a green site for our area, rather than be build upon. There are many other areas of livingston that could be used. Currently this land has many animals, trees and plants. This should remain in tact from my point of view.

Regards

From: Sent: 09 June 2011 14:46 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject:

Dear Fiona

I am distraught to find that West Lothian Council are intending to allow buildings to be constructed on designated greenbelt areas at Adambrae. There are a number of wildlife living in this area and the destruction of their habit was dramatically reduce there numbers if not kill them completely. This is esp. true to of the roe deer who live in the greenbelt and have seen their habit continually and dramatically reduced. This is not a policy a support who have voted for their for I urge you to reconsider. This area is also used for a number of children to play on, including my own. There is so little space left for children to run free that I feel you may actually be infringing on their human rights by proposing to remove a safe outside space for them. This is the view of my whole family and as a publicly elected representative, I feel your view must reflect that of myself and those who voted for you and not those of builders and the construction industry.

Regards

From:

Sent: 09 June 2011 16:25To: McBrierty, FionaSubject: Objection to planning proposal: Adambrae, Livingston.

Dear Fiona McBrierty,

I am writing to you to formally note my concerns to the planning proposal to build on the sire opposite Morrisons supermarket, Adambrae, Livingston.

This is a key green site within the local area and used and loved by locals on a daily basis. Building on this plot of land would have a devastating effect on the local community for whom open green spaces are rare enough.

Open green spaces housing natural wildlife have proven value in improving moral in communities that are heavily built up and this area is no different. It is somewhere that children can play and people can walk their dogs.

I would hope this proposal would be reconsidered in light of these issues.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards

From Sent: 09 June 2011 16:28 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Proposal to build next to Adambrae, Livingston

Dear Fiona,

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal to build on the land next to Adambrae in Livingston. As a development full of family homes, this key green site has offered privacy and security to those living there. For the children growing up in the area, it offers somewhere to play, a place to build childhood memories and a reason not to hang around the street corners. There is of course, a plethora of wildlife which also calls this land its home.

I request that the council reconsiders their plan to build on this ground and sees that it will be detrimental to all those currently living there.



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From: Sent: 09 June 2011 17:23 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: proposal of new development at almondvale roundabout, livingston

Dear Ms McBrierty

I am writing with my concerns with regard to the proposal of high density building work at the almondvale roundabout, Livingston. I have lived in Adambrae for almost 12 years, it has taken at least 5 years for the wildlife to start coming back here. Another development would mean disrupting wildlife yet again.

Not to mention the traffic is pretty horrendous at that roundabout as it is without adding to the volume of traffic.

Yours sincerely

### From: Sent: 09 June 2011 20:14 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: PROPOSED BUILDING PLANS FOR ALMONDVALE ROUNDABOUT

Dear Fiona,

I live in Bluebell Glade in Livingston which is right beside the "key green zone" at Almondvale roundabout that has been pencilled in to be atrociously destroyed for some building plans to be put into operation. This is a completely ridiculous idea that I can only imagine has been thought up by people only interested in one thing ...... money.

We moved into this street in particular for very specific reasons. It is quiet, beautiful and a very safe environment for our children to be brought up in. These plans will absolutely decimate what we love about this area. It will destroy the habitat of much wildlife that resides in the area, put an end to the enjoyment we have with the children exploring the woodland and it's surrounding area. Livingston is already a VERY built up area and this will just add to that problem and kill off another piece of natural beauty. Can you not leave these areas alone. Obviously not as your wallets must be empty and instead of working out a reasonable course of action you seem to want to destroy what we cherish without any thought of consequence for the people that live here.

The traffic in this area is already very congested, the schools, doctors & dentists surgeries are already full up so where would any new large amount of people moving into the area go for these facilities I must ask myself. We feel like we are having our precious homes ripped from under our feet. All we have worked and toiled for to pay for such a beautiful and SAFE environment for us and our children to live in is being stolen from us.

I'm even willing to bet a years salary that none of this will be taken on board in the slightest as you have probably already made your mind up and no matter what we say or do will change the fact you are going ahead with these plans anyway. I wouldn't be surprised if you have sold the land already and have the building plans made up, locked away in a basement, guarded by a tiger, in a broken filing cabinet with no handle in a room that the light is broken, under lock and key & ready to put into action. So I would like to thank you in advance for putting our children, homes & our very precious "key green zone" in harms way with the increased traffic, the destruction of the beautiful land, the increase in population that will be thrown on our doorstep.

I am very unhappy about this and I do not apologize for my outraged tone in this letter. I know EVERYONE in this area is also very much against these outrageous and callous proposals.

Yous sincerely,

From: Sent: 09 June 2011 20:55 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: planning brief - almondvale roundabout

Dear Ms McBrierty

brought to our attention the proposed building works behind Bluebell Glade.

We would like to object to this most strongly in terms of damage to wildlife, which has only recently recovered in the last couple of years following the completion of the Adambrae estate, and the likely impact on the area's already stretched infrastructure.

Regards



From: Sent: 09 June 2011 22:48 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Almondvale Roundabout

Dear Ms. McBrierty I would like to agree that developing in a natural green zone would be devastating to say the lease. We need to stand united in keeping these types of zones natural as much as we can. As it sits we are heavily destroying what we do have for natural land. Preserving what we have should be our primary concern. As much as I do understand our population is increasing I truly believe that developing should be done in areas that don't destroy what we have left for nature. In my opinion I think this matter need to be reconsidered and maybe re-zone somewhere not detrimental to nature. I am against development proposal in this said zoning. Thank you for reading my response on this matter . Wishing you a good day

## From: Sent: 10 June 2011 10:16 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Proposed development of green bellt land at Adambrae Importance: High

Dear Ms McBrierty,

I am writing to you to object to the proposed development of the green belt land at Adambrae opposite Morrisons. My family has been resident here for over eleven years and have alway appreciated the quality of the surrounding land. My children always enjoy playing and walking through the woodland which holds a number of valuable species of mammel such as bats and hedgehogs and foxes along with birds such as woodpeckers, magpies, robins and blue and great tits. When we first moved into the area from Edinburgh we were told that there would be no development of the land from the culvert up to the cemetry grounds but how the the pull of the pound changes things!

I know that there are plenty of 'brown field' sites in and around Livingston so why would the local government be set on destroying such a valuable stretch of green belt where there are so many other sites that would benefit for redevelopment?

I hope that you will take note of the objections of the local residents as Adambrae is a very desirable place to live, but taking away the surrounding countryside and woodland simply for profit would just turn Adambrae Parks into a 'run o' the mill town scheme'.

Regards,



From: Sent: 10 June 2011 13:02 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Planning Development Almondvale Roundabout

## To Fiona McBrierty

It has come to my attention from friends and neighbours of Adambrae Livingston, that a development is being proposal for Social Housing or other development opportunities.

I feel very strongly against this proposal and wanted to formally express my objection against any project within the Adambrae Area. I am a home owner in Bramble Glade and I purchased my house 10 years ago on the understanding that all land surrounding Bramble Glade and Bluebell Glade we classified as Greenbelt. This was one of my main reasons for deciding to purchase in this area, therefore I am extremely upset to learn that possible development is in discussion.

I have discussed this matter with many of my neighbours in Bramble Glade and the majority are of the same opinion and we are very much against this proposal.

I appreciate the importance of social housing requirements but there is already a social housing development very close by (Alexander Drive) and I feel this is unfair for further social housing development within such close proximity. Such developments are never proposed in areas as Murieston or Deerpark and feel this is very unfair to residents of Adambrae. Our neighbourhood is a great place to live and we would like to keep it as it is with the lovely green fields and trees surrounding it as promised 10 years ago.

I really appreciate you taking time to read my concerns and wanted to express my feelings on the matter.

Kind Regards

Adambrae Resident

From: Sent: 10 June 2011 14:10 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Please Do Not Build on Key Green Site in Livingston

Dear Fiona

Please note that I stronlgy dissaprove of the planning proposal to build on the site opposite Morrisons at Adambrae in Livingston. Please note my objection to the planned destruction of this Key Green Site.

Kind REgards

From: Sent: 10 June 2011 16:43 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Charlesfield Proposal

Hi Fiona

Please accept this as an objection to the Charlesfield Proposal on the following grounds:

This will entail a significant reduction in Green Space in the area.

The Cemetery area should be kept quite and respectful of visitors and be kept for expansion of the existing cemetery provision in coming years

There will be a significant and substantial loss of amenity in the area.

My perception is that there will be an impact on local schools and implications for road safety with increased traffic in an already busy area.

As per WLC's policy for objections to developments, you already state that 'The Brief will be reported to the Council Executive for approval'. This appears to pay lip service to this process as a pre-determined decision and WLC appear to go ahead with their plans in any case.

Given that this was released around the time that the Alderston Rd proposal was passed it really questions WLC attempt at finding suitable alternative sites as Test 2 requires, when quite obviously this proposal in the background.

Yours sincerely

From: Sent: 10 June 2011 19:18 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: charlesfeild road site

Fiona Mcbriety,

I would stongly object to another green space at Charlesfeild road with trees and wildlife within our town that you plan to build on. I obvouisly know there is a need for housing for people but your choice of sites is just getting ridiculus , after going through the councils proceedures with the Alderstone west road site , i feel it's frankly a joke the way the council say's it's land for possible factory units and the like. Everyone knows it's for housing & everyone knows which contractor will be getting the work so why all the beating about the bush. Lets for once be open , honest and accountable to the public as your mission statement dictates. Try looking out your windows at the Civic Centre where there is a few acres of land outside your front door where no trees / wildlife has to be disturbed with house building works on this nice flat grass area. As a member of the public i have lost any confidence in most things the council states, bring back the Livingston Development Corporation who beleived in open green spaces and woodlands for all the public to enjoy and not to create a wlc concrete jungle .

From: Sent: 10 June 2011 22:47 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Planing Proposal Adambrae

Dear Ms McBriety,

I am writing to you about the proposed Development in the Adambrea area of Livingston. I have friends that live right next to the site that is meant to be getting developed and find that losing that area a tragedy. As every time I visit I always see children playing in it, If this area gets developed where are the kids going to play on the road maybe? Also my friend was telling me that he had seen deer running around there too. Losing that kind of wildlife and plant life in the area would be a massive shock to the community.

I ask you, What would rather look at trees or concrete?

Please add my email to your list of opposition.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Yours Sincerely** 

From: Sent: 11 June 2011 12:07 To: McBrierty, Fiona Subject: Planning Brief Consultation: Almondvale Roundabout, Livingston

Dear Ms McBrierty

Please accept this email as an objection to the above proposal on the following grounds:

This will entail a significant reduction in Green Space in the area;

The Cemetery area should be kept quiet and respectful for visitors

and be kept for expansion of the existing cemetery provision in

coming years;

There will be a significant and substantial loss of amenity in the area;

There would also be an impact on local schools and implications for road safety with increased traffic in an already busy area.

As per WLC's policy for objections to developments, you already state that 'The Brief will be "reported to the Council Executive for approval'. This would appear to imply lip service to this process and presents as a pre-determined decision which could be viewed as allowing WLC to go full steam ahead with their plans despite any objections !!

Given that this Brief was released around the time that the Alderston Rd proposalwas passed it really questions WLC's attempt at finding suitable alternative sites as Test 2 requires, when quite obviously this proposal was in the background.

Yours sincerely

