

Objection

Mr Peter Arnsdorf
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Dear Mr. Arnsdorf

MIDLOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2
OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT KIPPIELAW, EASTHOUSES – SITE REFERENCE SUB053

I am writing to register my objection to the identification of land at Kippielaw, Easthouses as a site for the development of 300 houses in the Midlothian Local Development Plan 2 citing my concerns as follows:

- (1) The development of the lands will lead to urban sprawl and contribute to the coalescence of Easthouses and Dalkeith depriving each of their separate identity.
- (2) The development of the lands will have a significant adverse effect on the setting and appearance of Kippielaw Farmhouse and Steadings which have been recently converted to residential use.
- (3) A high pressure gas pipe line runs through the site placing residents of any future housing development at unacceptable levels of risk in the event of a pipe fracture.
- (4) Any development will result in increased levels of traffic on Easthouses Road leading to unacceptable levels of congestion at nearby junctions on the surrounding road network.
- (5) Any development will result in increased pressure on local services and facilities including schools at primary and secondary level.
- (6) The lands are widely used for informal recreational purposes and would be sorely missed by local residents in particular if developed for housing.
- (7) The lands currently attract many types of wildlife to the area which would be lost if the site was developed as proposed.

In view of the considerations outlined above I would urge you not to identify this site for housing development either as an Allocated Site or as an Area for Long Term Development in the Proposed Local Development Plan 2.

Yours sincerely

Print Name : _____

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cc.Ms Kirsty McNeill (MP), Mr Colin Beattie (MSP)