

To:- Peter Amsdorf ,The Planning Manager,Midlothian Planning Dept.,Fairfield House,
Dalkeith,EH22 3ZN.

Reference Hs9 - Proposed Cala Homes Development of 55 houses on Broomieknowe Practice Ground.

Dear Sir,

I wish to OBJECT to the above plan on the grounds stated below.

1. Coalescence - Loss of community identity through joining with Eskbank. This is in spite of the MLDP clearly stating in Strategic Objectives 1.3.2 to avoid Coalescence. It was also clearly stated in the Scottish Natural Heritage Report in 2013 on the MLDP that developing site Hs9 would cause coalescence of Bonnyrigg with Eskbank. A row of trees does not constitute protection of Coalescence or Green Belt!

2. Green Belt - Loss of countryside Hedgerows and wildlife. This is also contradicted by continuing to pursue this site for development against the Strategic Objectives 1.3.2 re use of Brownfield sites especially over Green Belt land. Once again a row of trees does not constitute a Green Belt. Policy ENV1 makes Hs9 a protected Green Belt area. This area Hs9 is on the edge of Bonnyrigg and is our access to the countryside. A public Right-of Way lies here and will be spoiled by the building of totally inappropriate 9m high two storey houses which are out of character with the adjacent bungaloes. There will also be an increased risk to pedestrians if Viewbank Avenue is used as the access.

3. Site Access - This is a highly congested area with two bus stops and a Hospital access as well as Viewbank and Mayshade with Eskbank Roundabout in close proximity. Two reports from Midlothian Road Safety Management have voiced concerns regarding accident and pedestrian safety risk and the latest states - the developers should withdraw the application with regard to a site access opposite the hospital. Over and above we have the threat of an Aldi Store being opened in Mayshade which will increase the traffic in this congested area greatly. There are Buses and from the hospital, ambulances and doctor on call cars using this stretch of Eskbank Road. The residents on Eskbank Road already have difficulty accessing their homes without this increased traffic disruption. It is also a complicated walking route one has to take to the new Borders Railway Station at Eskbank and falls outwith the PAN75 guidelines. It will be necessary to drive to the station which defeats the purpose of reducing cars on the road. The over 60's have a free bus pass and will have limited use of a rail link.

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