Dear Sir/Madam

**Midlothian Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan**

**Para 8.2.61**
We are very relieved at the statement here that the MLDP acknowledges that the land at Rosewell North (Site Hs14) should form the limit of village expansion. We would object strongly should any further development be considered in the fields on the opposite site of Carnethie Street.

**Key Planning Objectives**
We are pleased to note that community facilities in support of the growing community are amongst these objectives. Rosewell Development Trust was gifted the derelict Rosewell Mains Steading site by The Crown Estate on which to build a community hub. We trust that developer contributions will be forthcoming towards funding this much needed community facility. It is not clear from the MLDP if this will indeed be the case. However, we would object strongly to developers not contributing towards the proposed Community Hub. Rosewell has taken its fair share of new development so far at Rosedale and Fairmeadow. We currently have 63 houses under construction at Gortonlee, 290 houses and a business/general industry park at Rosewell Mains/Gorton Road and the further proposal for 60 houses at Rosewell North. We need a purpose built community hub to aid community integration between existing and new residents. This has already proved problematic and will continue to do so unless this lack of a central community facility is addressed.

**Site Hs12 Hopefield Farm 2, Bonnyrigg**
We note that this site was chosen as an alternative to Sites R3 and R5 in the Main Issues Report. Whilst we welcome the fact that R3 and R5 have been removed from the strategy, we would object to coalescence between this site and our village. We trust that the MLDP will address this concern.
It is very important to retain green spaces for leisure and health, while renovating, protecting, and making best use of sites as is most beneficial to communities and the natural environment. The green spaces in and around our village is essential and should not be developed upon before every last brownfield and alternative site has been properly investigated and used.

Sustainability involves not just open space but an integrated consideration of public transport, roads and traffic, water and sewerage, the right kinds of housing provision, and school redevelopment with related community facilities.

We agree that, where it can be, walking and cycling and public transport should be preferred to travel by private cars. However Public transport is limited within Rosewell with the added problem of the length of time taken to travel into Edinburgh on the 49 bus. If people are to be weaned off using cars measures must be taken to address and satisfy the needs of customers. A more direct bus route would be help to address this issue.

The on-going poor broadband limited service in Rosewell and outlying area will inevitably discourage potential house buyers and business from locating here.

Yours faithfully

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