



# Lasswade District Civic Society

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For the attention of Miss Mhairi-Anne Cowie

18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Sirs,

**Planning Application Number 15/00304/PPP | Application for Planning Permission in Principle for the erection of dwellinghouse | Land At Kevock Garden Nursery Kevock Road Lasswade**

Lasswade District Civic Society has been established for over 40 years, and its adult membership now stands at around 400. Our constitution objectives include '... care for the beauty and character of the local area and the preservation of the general public amenity'. For these reasons, we are writing on behalf of the Society, to express our concern about the above planning application.

There are three important grounds for our concerns. The site lies in an area of Green Belt Land designated in the Midlothian Local Plan 2008 as Protected Countryside and Protected River Valley, and an Area of Great Landscape Value, and which abounds the Lasswade and Kevock and Mavisbank Conservation Areas. As such any proposal for change of use of land in such a sensitive location is at risk of contravening the Resource Protection and Detailed Development policies set out in the Midlothian Local Plan, and could set a dangerous precedent.

This application is very similar to Planning Application 15/00144/PPP | Application for planning permission in principle for erection of dwellinghouse | Land At Edinburgh And Lasswade Riding Centre Kevock Road Lasswade, which has just been granted with conditions. Both are local businesses which seek to grow and whilst sympathetic, we are concerned that as a consequence of the furtherance of these existing businesses, there will be a significant increase in traffic on Kevock Road, and very concerned that these applications will lead to further housing and change of use of land planning applications in this very sensitive location.

We trust you will take these grounds for objection into account in determining this planning application.

Yours faithfully

**Lasswade District Civic Society Committee,**

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