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Additional information:

Further to the report to Council on 21 Apr 15 on the responses to the Consultation on the Main issues Report, a revised addendum containing 3 additional responses to the MIR are to be noted by Council in conjunction with that main report.

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ADDENDUM: additional responses

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Further to the publication of East Lothian Council's *local development plan main issues report and interim environmental report consultation feedback: summaries and key messages* in April 2015 this addendum includes three additional responses that were not reported within that main report and its appendices.

- A response from Wallyford Community Council was apparently submitted by post within the required timeframe but was not received by the Policy and Projects team and was therefore not included within the summaries and key messages report.
- The response from The North Berwick Trust was received via the online Consultation Hub but was omitted from the summaries and key messages report in error.
- The response from Savills on behalf of a landowner at Humbie was received via email but was omitted from the summaries and key messages report in error.

A summary of each of these responses is contained within this addendum and the full responses as submitted are available to view via the online Consultation Hub.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Consultation Response</u>
<p data-bbox="188 517 472 551"><u>North Berwick Trust:</u></p> <p data-bbox="188 1256 446 1290"><i>Education Matters:</i></p>	<p data-bbox="582 517 1406 1211">The Trust regards North Berwick as an area of high demand for residential development and is ideally placed to meet the housing land requirements of the Council. North Berwick though outwith the Strategic Development Area is moderately accessible and provides a wide range of facilities and services. It promotes the development of Mains Farm South beyond the current allocation (some 6.7 ha) providing 150 units as an effective and deliverable site for further housing development. It believes the site has the advantage that some infrastructure would be provided through the development of Mains Farm which has already been granted planning approval. The area in question is located within the settlement boundary of North Berwick and well related to adjoining committed development. The site is free of any relevant constraints, namely, ownership, physical, contamination, deficit funding, marketability, infrastructure, and land use. An assessment of the site and indicative framework for the proposed development are provided.</p> <p data-bbox="582 1256 1382 1447">The Trust believes that ELC has a design solution for accommodating up to 771 pupils at Law Primary School, which would support the development of approximately 140 units. The expansion of North Berwick High School would accommodate pupils generated from those units.</p> <p data-bbox="582 1491 1382 1715">The Trust controls land currently safeguarded in the current local plan for Education purposes. It seeks clarification of the suggested requirement to secure additional campus land for that safeguarded area. If additional land is required then development at Mains Farm South can guarantee delivery of this.</p>

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<u>Wallyford Community Council:</u>	<p>The Community Council believes that the proposal to build 4700 new homes within the Musselburgh Cluster is unrealistic and unsympathetic to the existing residents, and has serious doubts about its deliverability. It is questioned whether the Musselburgh cluster has the capacity to support such an expansion. It believes the existing infrastructure is already overstretched and the inevitable increase in traffic would present serious issues of congestion and pollution.</p> <p>It does not support the compact growth option. While development is supported within the Musselburgh cluster it should take the form of a more dispersed pattern of growth with an emphasis on the western edge of East Lothian and should not solely concentrate on the Musselburgh cluster.</p> <p>Concerns are raised over the concentration of new residential development on the east side of the Musselburgh Cluster which has little or no provision for future employment or development which could generate significant new jobs.</p> <p>Does not support the proposals for land at Goshen Farm as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The land is within the greenbelt; - The land has links to the Battle of Pinkie; - Drummohr House setting; - Coalescence of Musselburgh, Prestonpans and Wallyford; - Commuter rail capacity; - Increase of traffic through Wallyford; - Increase demand on water, gas and other services; <p>The Community Council believe the focus of the MIR should be on supporting communities with developments that have been approved and that should be completed, for example the Goosebay development within Wallyford, and not to allocate new areas of housing instead.</p>

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<p><u>Savills on behalf of landowner at Humbie:</u></p>	<p>The landowner is no longer promoting the inclusion of sites PM/TT/HSG061 AND PM/TT/HSG063 in the LDP, but promotes the inclusion of land north of Kippithill (ref PM/TT/HSG095) for 10-20 houses. Not allocating a site in Humbie would hinder the sustainability of the community. Allocation of this site would support local services and its development would relate well to the existing village.</p> <p>Also promotes an extended settlement boundary to the west of Humbie to include residential properties at Upper Keith Farm, and intervening land. This would form a logical extension.</p> <p>Supports the reasonable alternative approach to development in the countryside. The existing policy DC1 is too inflexible.</p>