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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, an addendum to that report containing 2 additional responses to the MIR are to be noted by Council in conjunction with that main report.

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local development plan main issues report & interim environmental report

## consultation feedback: summaries and key messages

ADDENDUM: additional responses may 2015



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 two 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 Concsultation Hub 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>	Consultation Response
North Berwick Trust:	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.
Education Matters:	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.  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.

Organisation:	Consultation Response
Wallyford Community Council:	The Community Cunci 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.  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.  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.  Does not support the proposals for land at Goshen Farm as:  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;  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.