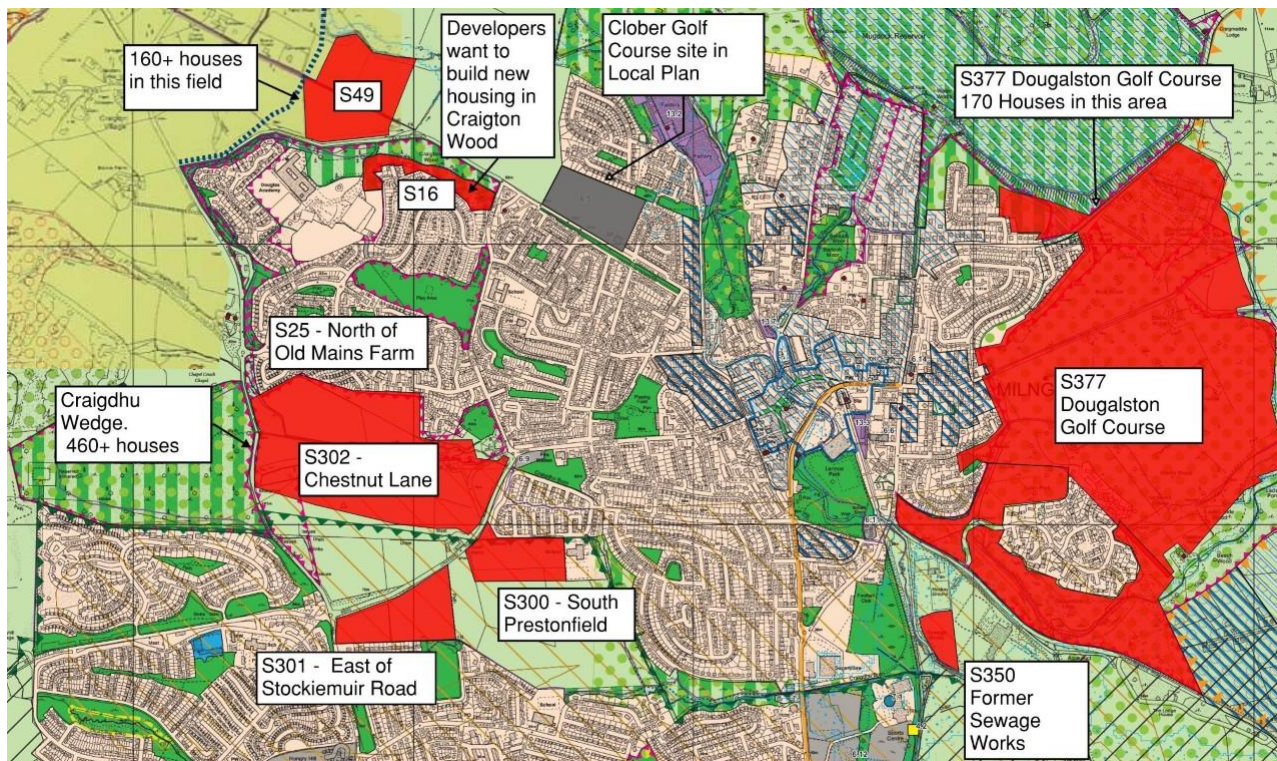


Mains Estate Residents' Association

SAVE OUR GREENBELT – BACK THE COUNCIL PLAN

Final Council Consultation on LDP2 - deadline Fri 15th Jan 2021

Our greenbelt is still at risk from developers unless you **act now!**



To act we strongly recommend that you individually respond to the Council's final consultation on the Local Development Plan (LDP2), using the key points outlined overleaf. **Every** individual in your household can respond – the greater the response, the more powerful the Council's representation to the Scottish Government can be.

1. **Electronically**

Complete and submit the Representation Form which you can download from

<http://www.mera-milngavie.co.uk/docs/RepresentationForm.docx>

Use the points overleaf to help you. Send form to **development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk**

Please entitle the email: Response to LDP2 Consultation

It would be helpful if you could also copy your response to Milngavie Community Council at

mccconsultations@gmail.com and MERA at consultations@mera-milngavie.co.uk

2. **By post**

The representation forms can be printed, completed by hand and posted to:

Land Planning Policy Team, East Dunbartonshire Council, Southbank House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow, G66 1XQ. Please remember to give your name and address.

Alternatively - whilst the council's preferred option is for you to use the representation forms they will also accept email and written letter responses via the above addresses.

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Background

East Dunbartonshire Council has recently approved the next Local Development Plan (LDP2) which sets out the strategy for the future use of land in Milngavie and Bearsden. The Scottish Government will now review it. The good news is that the council wants to protect the greenbelt. However, the greenbelt is still under threat from developers still wishing to influence and develop the sites above.

The council has to undertake this last statutory consultation on their approved plan to gather our opinions. At the end of this consultation period, the Council will provide our representations to the Scottish Government to review. Please note that only your representations from this stage will be reviewed by the Government, so even if you have commented before [it is essential that you respond supporting the Council's preferred option to protect the greenbelt.](#)

Key Messages to Include in your Response

We suggest the following two key messages should be at the top of your response, ideally in your own words:

I strongly agree with the development strategy of East Dunbartonshire Council as described in the proposed LDP2. I agree that the greenbelt around Milngavie and Bearsden should be protected and new development should be directed to brownfield sites in East Dunbartonshire with public transport provision.

I strongly object to the sites S16 (Hunter Road), S25 (North of Old Mains Farm), S49 (North of Craigton Road), S300 (South Prestonfield), S301 (East of Stockiemuir Road), S302 (Chestnut Lane) and S337 (Dougalston Golf Course) being developed for housing, and any other greenbelt sites that may be put forward around Milngavie and Bearsden, including Craigton Wood.

Explain why the greenbelt is important to you in your own words. You may like to use one or more of the following reasons that you agree with, in your order of preference.

- Our greenbelt is the only remaining land preventing the coalescence of Milngavie and Bearsden, providing an important landscape setting.
- Our greenbelt provides an important green network and wildlife corridor.
- Any reduction of the greenbelt between the Mains Estate and Bearsden, will make farming unsustainable. We cannot afford to lose any of it, not even one field, or part of one field.
- Any additional housing will put pressure on the local infrastructure and amenities. Douglas and Bearsden academies are both at capacity (*source EDC & Scottish Government*) and there are long waits for local medical services. The Milngavie train line is one of the least reliable services in Scotland (*source ScotRail*). The roads into Glasgow (A81 – Milngavie Rd and A810 – Drymen Rd) are both congested and the air quality at Bearsden Cross is near the limit of the council's accepted pollution levels (*source EDC & www.scottishairquality.scot*). Further erosion of our greenbelt between Bearsden and Milngavie will increase the need for travel with emphasis on unsustainable methods of transport. Our greenbelt is essential for people maintaining physical and mental health. With core pathways throughout it is used extensively by the public for recreation – walking, running, playing – particularly in the current Covid-19 pandemic.
- Our greenbelt has important tree preservation orders, and a historic garden landscape.
- Site S25 is at flood risk. This flood plain provides flood protection to Milngavie.

Further information is available via local libraries and online at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/LDP2
[It is vital for our community and greenbelt that you submit your Representation Form by 15 Jan 2021](#)

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