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Date 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Your ref

Our ref W.523 (ECLP)

Dear Mr Gotts,

## **WEST CRAIGS LTD.**

### **OBJECTIONS TO EDINBURGH CITY LOCAL PLAN**

I am writing to update you with regard to the Edinburgh City Local Plan and the objections made on behalf of West Craigs Ltd. whilst the Plan was 'on deposit' in June and July of this year, and to ask you to confirm how you wish to proceed.

On 4 October, the Planning Committee approved (with amendments) a report dealing with all the objections made to the Plan. The report can be viewed on the Council's web site, <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/eclp>. The principal decision taken at the meeting was that objections, unless withdrawn in the meantime, should be dealt with at a hearing or public inquiry. Only after the inquiry has taken place will decisions be made on how the Plan should be modified, if at all, to take account of issues raised in objections. A programme officer will shortly be appointed, to handle all administrative arrangements for the inquiry, and you will be contacted again by him/her in due course, advising you of dates and location when decided. The inquiry is unlikely to start before April 2008. You would not necessarily have to attend, your objections can be dealt with as they stand if you wish, but you will be given the opportunity of participating. As far as possible, the inquiry will take the form of an informal 'hearing' at which all objections covering similar concerns can be dealt with at the same time.

Meanwhile, I enclose an extract from the report, setting out your objections in summary form. You will also see against each objection an initial response by the Committee, in terms of whether or not it is minded to change the Plan. This is to assist you in deciding how to proceed and the reporter, but as indicated above, it is a provisional response; a full decision will only be taken at a date after the inquiry has been held and when the Council has before it the inquiry report. If you are unhappy with how your objections have been summarised, please now advise me and changes will be considered, but the summary must remain as concise as possible. If you wish to withdraw any objections, this must be done in writing or by email to an address given below; no further action will then be taken by the Council. If you wish to discuss your objection further with a planning officer, please again write or telephone one of the numbers given below.

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If you wish to discuss the above further, please telephone one of the names given below.

Yours sincerely



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Organisation	Policy / Proposal / Paragraph	Objection Summary	Council Response	PLI?
West Craigs Ltd. (Iain Gotts Associates)	Hou 1	Allocate land at Maybury Road for housing development - see related objection to Proposal HSG 14.	Not accepted. The Council has identified two sites at Newcraighall to meet the Structure Plan requirement. Those sites have been assessed for their likely environmental impact, and are best suited to meet the requirement. Further housing land allocations in the Green Belt beyond those required to provide 400 houses on the urban fringe would be contrary to the Structure Plan.	Y
	HSG 14	Objects to the allocation for housing as there are more appropriate sites that are better serviced and will impact the Green Belt less - see related objection to Policy Hou 1.	Not accepted. The Council has identified two sites at Newcraighall to meet Structure Plan Policy HOU 3 requirement for 400 units in the Edinburgh Urban Fringe. Those sites have been assessed for their likely environmental impact, and are best suited to meet the requirement.	Y