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**Re. PROPOSED SOUTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**

Date:	13 th May 2020
Re:	LDP-SH-GFC- 130520

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Dear Ms. Anderson,

I'm not sure how appropriate this is at this stage of the Reporters review of above: but as one of the three locally elected members (Councillors) for South Lanarkshire Council, Ward-5: Avondale & Stonehouse: I'd like to add my formal support to the expansion of Stonehouse outlined in this submission to the LDP.

From start of this journey: I have supported a developer led expansion of Stonehouse for a number of reasons, including but not limited to:

- Stonehouse is in a prime location, just off the M74 and only three miles from Larkhall & Strathaven. From 13 years of being a councillor representing this beautiful ward, I have been so disappointed with South Lanarkshire Council's lack of strategic planning for Stonehouse. While Strathaven and Larkhall are both developed, Stonehouse is left behind.

Poor planning has left the village with:

- A lack of shopping, forcing the residents to leave Stonehouse for essential provisions;
 - An incomplete bypass, creating far too much traffic passing close to residential homes on the busy A71 linking the Ayrshires with Lanarkshire and the Lothians;
 - More than 500 teenagers having to be bus 'd in and out of the village each day to attend secondary schools in Larkhall, Hamilton and Strathaven and;
 - A lack of sports & social facilities.
- All of the major housing development (prior to 2019) in my ward have been in Strathaven. All these developments have been for larger, premium family homes, which sadly are priced out of the reach of most young families, so the plans being brought forward as part of this LDP in Stonehouse: provide for more cost-effective homes, which are badly required in this area and I believe form part of the Scottish Governments proposals to provide more affordable homes across Scotland.
- Until recently, I believe there are only two areas in Stonehouse designated for development (1): Stonehouse Hospital site and (2): Union Street. As of today (13/5/20), Persimmon Homes are building on the site of the old Stonehouse Hospital. While I have always welcomed this development in the village, it will be completed well in advance of the next LDP, leaving Stonehouse without any room for expansion for many years. The site zoned in Union Street I don't believe is suitable for development due to its proximity to old mines and underground refuse. This proposed development zone to the north of the village, should provide the potential for cost-effective housing, retail and leisure in the village before and after the next LDP.

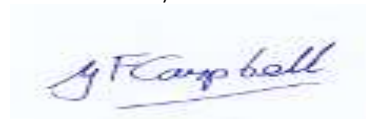
In my opinion, this proposed application to the LDP creates a common sense approach to the development of Stonehouse for years to come:

- 1) The completion of the A71 Stonehouse Bypass;
- 2) Affordable housing;
- 3) Social housing;
- 4) Retail;
- 5) Leisure;
- 6) Possibly even a secondary school and;
- 7) All within the common sense boundary of the Avondale River, to the north of Stonehouse.

With its location next to the M74 and links to both central Scotland to the north and England to the south: Stonehouse has so much potential! The Scottish Government has repeated its proposals and calls for more affordable and social housing, so I was extremely disappointed when South Lanarkshire Council planners rejected this addition to the LDP.

I'd therefore be extremely grateful if you'd please accept this letter as my submission in support of this proposal to the LDP review board in support of releasing more land in Stonehouse?

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'G Campbell', with a horizontal line underneath.

Councillor Graeme Campbell
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