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Dear Sirs

Soroptimists International of Kirkintilloch & District is part of an organisation representing business and professional woman, including after retirement. We have had a presence in East Dunbartonshire for over 50 years.

We support the proposal to develop Scotland's first senior co-housing neighbourhood in Lenzie. East Dunbartonshire has one of the highest proportions of senior citizens with 24 of the population aged over 65.

This senior co-housing development would benefit East Dunbartonshire in several ways. Experience from other co-housing developments show residents remain independent and have less need of Council support as the community takes responsibility for the welfare of their neighbours for longer than those in more isolated living arrangements, reducing Council costs.

Family properties are more likely to be freed up resulting in a larger and more diverse property availability in both the private and public sectors.

As a Club we very much hope the Council will look favourably on this beneficial proposal.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of Soroptimists International of Kirkintilloch & District