



**SNP Group**

**Notice of Motion**

Midlothian Council recognises the population of Midlothian has grown and continues to grow exponentially. We should take this as a huge complement to our county as people recognise Midlothian as a great place to live, situated as it is close to both the Capital city, and the beautiful countryside that surrounds it. However this continued growth has placed a great deal of pressure on our services and infrastructure.

As councillors we hear on a daily basis complaints of lack of infrastructure, whether this is lack of doctors, shops, post office, banks, poor roads and drains, and lack of places and spaces to have clubs for the young, middle aged and older residents.

Our more established communities have grown around a church, a school, and shops with amenities for entertainment and clubs, roads, drains etc. But much of these are reaching their use by dates and need either to be replaced or renovation, because they are not up to the requirements of today.

Many of these elements are lacking in the communities we are building now, where perhaps only the school exists, and even this building is unavailable to residents in the evening. This leaves our communities with a lack of local provision that stymies the natural growth of cohesive community and place building. Midlothian does not need dormitory communities

This may lead to a lack of having the connections and networks of support to build cohesive, safe, nurturing and flourishing communities empowered to support each other and tackle anti-social behaviour, increase in drugs and other forms of abuse.

It is the duty of local council to ensure our communities are places that ensure the integration of residents into a social community.

Council therefore acknowledges we need a consultation with the people of Midlothian in early 2022 on the future of our communities on how and what infrastructure they need put in place to better serve our communities in the modern era.

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