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**TO ALL CANDIDATES/ELECTION AGENTS IN THE ALMOND VALLEY and
LINLITHGOW CONSTITUENCIES**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Date of Poll – 5 May 2011

ATTACHMENT OF POSTERS TO ROAD LIGHTING COLUMNS

West Lothian Council has decided to permit the display of election posters on road lighting columns and I have, accordingly, been requested by the Council's Senior Lighting Engineer to inform you that permission will be granted to you to attach election posters to road lighting columns within your constituency in connection with the above election but that only subject to the following conditions:-

1. Before posters are attached, the Chairman or Secretary of the Local Party Association (or candidate if there is no such Association) must state by letter to the Senior Lighting Engineer at the address given at the end of this letter, that the Association (or, where appropriate, the candidate) agrees to indemnify the Council against any damage to its own property and against any third party claim arising in any way out of the attachment of posters. Associations (and candidates) are advised of the desirability of ensuring that they are in a position to meet any successful claims made in these respects.
2. All posters maximum size A2 must be fixed to a card of adequate stiffness which must be tied with string or plastic ties to the road lighting column. The mounting height of the card must be not less than 2.5m above the height of the adjoining footway and the card must be fixed so as not to obstruct vehicular traffic.

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3. (a) Posters must not be attached to road lighting columns more than seven days prior to election day.
 - (b) Posters including string or ties must be removed within three days following the election. Failure to comply may result in the work being carried out and an invoice issued by the Council
4. The permission relates only to the attachment of posters to road lighting columns which are situated in footpaths or footways.
5. Posters must not in any circumstances be attached to columns with Road Traffic signs attached, columns in central reservations, columns on pedestrian refuge islands in the centre of roadways, traffic signal posts or control boxes.
6. No more than one poster per party or two posters back to back per party may be attached to a road lighting column and no more 2 posters per column or 2 posters back to back per column may be attached.

I must inform you that, as Returning Officer, I am not involved in controlling the attachment of election posters to road lighting columns and any questions or problems which you may have in this regard should be addressed to the Senior Lighting Engineer, West Lothian Council, Whitehill House, Whitestone Place, Bathgate EH48 2HA, (Tel. 01506 776200 – D Wilson).

Yours faithfully

Graham Hope
Constituency Returning Officer
Almond Valley and Linlithgow Constituencies