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Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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Comment on Policies

Which Policy are you commenting on?

Policy:

Policy ED9 Renewable Energy Development

What are your comments regarding this Policy?:

Since the MIR consultation, the Climate Change issue has grown in importance and thus the issue of renewable energy has also moved up the priority list. While it needs to be accepted that the environment and our landscape should be protected and enhanced, renewable energy at all scales from domestic micro to farm scale MW needs to be given a far higher profile and should take precedence over minor considerations.

This is especially important when proposals for solar PV and storage at field scale are considered where they need to be close to settlements as well as the grid. This means that the development will often be visible but the local use will make that view more acceptable, perhaps even desirable.

Locally produced electricity used locally should be encouraged and not batted away simply because the means of production might be seen!

What would you like to do now?

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Comment on Sites in Settlements F to H

Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: EGL200: North Ryehaugh: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

It is merely a tidying comment - the settlement boundary line could be extended north-west to include the disused road which would then be available for re-use.

There is also an anomaly in the boundary line alongside the A7 which may be this site or maybe EGL32B but the line should more properly follow the verge.

Both of these could be amended now to avoid changes when development proposals are produced.

What would you like to do now?

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