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Dear Lead Officer, Forward Planning

Scottish Borders Local Development Plan Proposed Planning
Site code: ADARN005

I am writing to object to this proposal on a number of grounds.

1 This is within a very historic village within its conservation area and having witnessed the recent developments within Darnick where there has been no or little consideration to this as to the look or design of the new properties, I refer to the height of some especially within the Broomilees site, the outer coatings on the houses which makes them stand out like a sore thumb. I would hope if any development were to be given the go ahead in this particular area the houses would be constructed with mellow stone facades, as you drive into our beautiful village that is all you see at present, to be confronted by white blocks would be an affront to the very nature of an historic village.

2 I thought this council were promoting themselves as environmentally friendly!! Why then have the woodland and strip down the roadside been included in this proposed plan. These areas consist of mature woodland having been there for centuries. I do note in the proposal that a tree survey has to be carried out, By whom? I do hope it is independent of the local authority. You also say that there may be an extra access from Broomilees Road, that would mean the very mature Oaks etc would need to be felled, that is totally unacceptable in this time of trying to save our planet for future generations, which is very much part of this local authorities remit.

3 Broomilees Road access, this road was initially assessed by road department as being able to take on four extra houses, we got double this, how can this road now take on an extra access into this new site? I would hope that the council do not make alterations to this road so that a developer can make a profit, that is not in the council's remit at all and would be against anything any council should be involved in.

4 I was very disappointed to see that the letter sent out went to so few houses, was this so that no one would notice? I am sure you stuck to the letter of the law but it would have been fairer to inform the village as a whole, as being a small settlement any development impacts on us all.

I look forward to hearing from you on the points I have raised.

Yours Faithfully

Anne Thomson

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