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I refer to the information letter in connection with the above subject dated 2nd November 2020. While I understand that the letter was for information purposes only, I would make the following comments on some of the issues which I feel could arise from the future development of the site in question :-

a) additional housing units in the Mossilee area will inevitably produce more vehicular traffic requiring access to town centre areas as well as travel onto the A7 and A72.

The current arrangements for access onto Island Street via Mossilee Road, Kirkbrae and Hall Street are severely inadequate and can, at peak and other times, cause large tailbacks in Hall Street with many driver's deciding to 'three point turn' and head back up to the Galapark junction and take the town centre route via Scott Street and Church Street (an already very busy street passing the accesses to the Burgh School and Galashiels Academy).

In addition, the effect of the traffic light system at the High Street /Island Street/ Bridge Place junction appears to add to the inability of drivers to enter the traffic flows from Hall Street.

I feel that this situation should be investigated by the Councils Traffic Engineers now in anticipation of a considerable increase in population and vehicular traffic on the south side of Galashiels in the short term.

b) similarly, access to the A7 and A72 from the south side of Galashiels is often difficult (and not without some danger) due to the above matters and the link routes through Bridge Place and Magdala Terrace for the A7 and Windyknowe and Wood Street for the A72. The link route via Clovenfords and Boland to the A7 is helpful but the quality and state of repair of the carriageway is poor and requires considerable maintenance (particularly the edges of the carriageway).

In relation to the route through High Buckholmside and Magdala Terrace, HGV traffic and tight parking arrangements in a number of locations can cause difficult situations on the two way flow system through this area.

Although this would not be an easy problem to solve to everyone's satisfaction, I feel that this matter should also be examined !

I trust that you will take the above points into account when finalising the local plan and arrange to bring the roads issues to the attention of appropriate Officers in any event.

Yours sincerely,
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