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Subject: Local development plan Melrose gate

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Morning,

I was horrified to read from your letter that now planned 450 houses within Melrose Gate and as we all now know there is going to be 55 New houses in front of Coolers Knowe. The lions share of these appear to be social housing.

When myself & my late husband bought our property known as [REDACTED] as it was a Millar home we were told the volume of houses would be 250 for the whole site & would take 3-5 years to complete, that was in 2013. Here I am 7 years later, still having to put up with works vehicles, dirt & noise from the site this not to mention the bins etc remain private until the council take over the estate that we have to pay for on top of council tax.

How does the number of houses keep increasing?

Are these mostly social housing?

Where are the people coming from to fill them?

Surely there needs to be more than one wee park placed within the estate to entertain the bigger kids or a football pitch/barn or somewhere for them to gather?

What about the traffic?

Our understanding was there would be more than one road in & out, but instead ALL the traffic passes my door for now 450 houses. This creates a bottle neck going out onto Lauder road that will worsen when you build on the Coopers Knows side. What are you doing about that?

If you want opinions here's mine I look around the Borders and see all the local towns getting ruined from villages to mass populations, with no improvement on roads, hospitals or other public services. You truly are taking this too far, people of the Borders live here as they like rurality of our countryside not mass populations of the city.

Please stop taking away our countryside.

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Denise Patterson