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Dear Sirs,

I want to voice my objection to the Netherbarns development and also a new settlement at Hollybush, the loss of much of the Gala policies, Gala hill road, Balmoral Avenue road, as well as the new school that is planned to go in the Scott park.

There is ample room to build the proposed new school and additional buildings in the existing facilities to the rear of the school. There is no need whatsoever to take away the Scott park.

There was a public outcry when the last plan for Gala policies failed 30 years ago, and you know that these plans are the old plans resurrected. So much more is known about our environment, than we knew back then. I believe that you will be destroying our natural heritage, the very thing you seek to attract tourists to come and see. People come here for the relative peace and tranquility the area gives to them. They also come for the historical value. Please think before you decide to destroy this.

Quick fixes are not the answer and local jobs for local people within the town as it exists at the moment is the way forward. Leave our natural beauty intact, and invest instead in the town itself, and do not destroy what is a huge asset, the surrounding beautiful and relatively untouched countryside, which at the moment, for whatever reason, you have decided not to acknowledge. This decision is important, for you will be changing the Borders forever, and there will be no way back from this mistake. Remodelling will not work, as once an area is built upon, that area is lost forever.

Mental health improves in being in touch with nature. Do not deprive future generations from this opportunity to have a quiet and peaceful stroll without having to hear the noise of traffic.

Noise pollution and light pollution are on the increase. Please realise the longterm effects this will have on our dark sky, and the effect this will have on our night wildlife species.

Both the lung and heart foundations are warning that road building is seeing a rise in both lung and heart disease. This is yet another reason to stop pursuing these developments.

Yours faithfully,

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