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

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About you

Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent?

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Individual

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Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

Comment on Sites in Settlements F to H

Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

I am writing to formally object to the residential development proposed on the Netherbarns site (ref. AGALA029), on the following grounds:

1. Overshadowing of existing residential properties within the Kingsknowes estate.
2. The visual impact from across the river at the historical site of Abbotsford house, which will have an impact on local tourism. Adversely affecting the surrounding countryside through its appearance, light and sound. The thin veil of forest between the site and the river has seen numerous trees fallen down, either through severe weather or forestry management within just the past year. I fail to see how an additional plantation of trees will resolve these issues.
3. The proposed location is used during the Gala day by the horses and riders. I'm well aware that most people living in the Scottish Borders are aware of the significance of the Braw lads gathering.

4. The ecological impact. The fields are frequented by deer throughout the year as well as other small mammals. The forest nearby is host to squirrels, birds such as owls, bats and other creatures. With an addition to the permanent human population, not to mention the construction of the site. The surrounding natural environment will be impacted. We should be striving to conserve our Scottish countryside. The terrain will need to be shaped massively to accommodate any homes and roads, causing much disruption to local wildlife.

5. The number of dwellings proposed (45) for the site I believe is too many for this location. The site is at the edge of town surrounded by the Scottish Borders countryside. I believe a less densely populated plan for the site would be more suitable and in keeping with its surroundings. This would also have a lesser impact on Abbotsford house.

Overall I feel the site doesn't suit a modern housing development on this scale and echo the concerns of the Save Scott's Countryside group. And like them I believe a more modest development in keeping with the surroundings would make a far better proposal to soften the transition between town and countryside. Very little if anything has changed since the last proposal in 2014, I do hope the concerns raised then are still considered today.

What would you like to do now?

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