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\r0To whom it may concern:

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\r0Please accept this email as an objection to the proposed development AGALA029 Netherbarns.

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\r0Whilst I understand the need for more housing, there is surely more appropriate places to build rather than smack-bang in front of one of Scotland's most important cultural assets.

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\r0I grew up a stones throw from this very field. I fed the horses that grazed it, I played on the old railway line adjacent to it. I have been back many times over the years to visit family and walk along the Boleside Road. I know the site very well. Likewise, I know the fields and woodlands across at Abbotsford very well. I know that you can see through in winter months from Abbotsford to the field in question. I know that there have been big mature trees come down from the strip of woodland between the Tweed and the Boleside Road and, having worked in woodland management, there will be more to come down in the forthcoming decade or two. It is not just the view from Abbotsford you should consider but the view from the Designed Landscape which stretches far behind the Abbotsford boundary.

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\r0The proposed thin planting scheme for the new development is not adequate and in the time they take to mature the damage to Abbotsford will already have been done. If the local authority's lightweight concern for TPO's is anything to go by, whose to say they may just be cut down in the future by residents who don't care for tall trees close to their property.

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\r0We must protect cultural gems such as Abbotsford as much as we can. The fact that this development has been rejected before and at government level surely tells us this is just not a good idea. There is sufficient reason to leave it be. Perhaps even plant it up with native trees. This is something that Sir Walter Scott himself would have been in favour of. If you read his journal he speaks of encouraging neighbouring landowners to plant trees. He even has a word with neighbours across the water who hung their white washing out across young saplings. The view was and always has been of great significance.

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\r0Sincerely

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\r0Philip Munro