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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?

Individual

Individual

What is your name?

Individual name:

Jill Gunter

What is your email address?

Individual Email:

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What is your address?

Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

Address line 3:

Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

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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: SGALA005: Hollybush Valley: Longer Term Mixed Use

What are your comments regarding this site?:

Site ref - SGALA005 and SGALA016

Have lived in vicinity of Gala Policies all my life and was part of initial Friends of Gala Policies group when first planning application was made for houses at top of Gala Policies Drive many years ago - strongly disagreed with proposal then due to the Policies being a beautiful quiet safe haven for local people, children and their families to enjoy with access to vast woodland, plants and wildlife away from pollution traffic and noise. Personally have used this precious tranquil area on a daily basis - initially during my own childhood then introduced to our young family and continue to do so to this day but now with grandchild and dog.

Reasons I disagree with this proposal -

*Most beautiful peaceful area of woodland with interesting wildlife very near town centre and should be preserved for this purpose - suitable for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy safely.

*The loss of precious greenspace and woodland to a change of use to considerable distance of roads for few houses is hardly caring for our environment. There has never been any amount of cars use the drive in Gala Policies as there was only ever one house.

*Building houses and access roads in this secluded area would have an even greater risk and impact now as it would have 30 years ago as so many more local people visit daily finding it a sanctuary & safe place to relax, exercise, walk dogs and hence boost mental health.

*To decimate Gala Policies by running a road through the woodland as well as providing access from Balmoral area may prevent local schools using Gala Policies due to risk from cars which would add considerable traffic to the whole of Balmoral area but especially Balmoral Avenue which is already congested with inadequate parking for social/privately owned housing as well as 3 schools in vicinity.

*Access roads to new high school, community hub, swimming pool and car park is already planned for this same area where there is also extremely likely to be the addition of a large primary school and nursery provision using same campus and facilities as secondary school - potential of over 1800 children & young people being able to access outdoor learning in Gala Policies if it continues to be a safe environment.

*Potential for huge impact on precious woodland, air quality, wildlife, health & wellbeing - this area should be conserved for local people and visitors to enjoy and certainly not ripped apart by an expensive major roadway which along with school campus access and Hollybush Road may encircle entire parkland and Gala Policies.

What would you like to do now?

Comment on other Sites in F to H settlements

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Galashiels: SGALA016: Hollybush Valley: Longer Term Mixed Use

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