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To: localplan <localplan@scotborders.gov.uk>

Subject: AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Sir / Madam,

We object to the above proposed development of 45 houses opposite Abbotsford. Even if trees are planted to try and shield the proposed development from spoiling the view from such an historic house as Abbotsford, we think it will take some time to do this and we do not consider any such screening will be sufficient, particularly in the winter time if they are broadleaved trees. We sincerely hope that conifers would not be planted to screen that site as they would be inappropriate.

I think Councillors' lack of awareness of the impact that the housing development will have on the views from such an historic house as Abbotsford it is extremely disappointing. It is not as if there is no other land in the Borders Council area on which 45 houses can be built. Abbotsford is important for attracting visitors from elsewhere in Scotland, the UK and overseas, including especially Americans, and these visits have a potentially important multiplier effect on the local economy.

We do ask the Councillors to reject this planning application.

Yours faithfully

Mr and Mrs G R Watt

