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To whom it may concern:

As a member of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of Canada I have just heard of the horrific proposal to build 45 houses near Sir Walter Scott's historic home, Abbotsford. As Scott lay dying, he asked to for his bed to be turned so he could see his beloved River Tweed. Surely those who love the Borders, Scotland and its greatest writer would wish to honour Scott's memory, and not tarnish it by denigrating that exquisite view that we, who have visited Abbotsford multiple times, can also see and appreciate on the historic tours.

A few immature trees will not be enough to hide 45 homes. Surely it is important to retain the same view that Scott so cherished in 1832.

Or is Abbotsford, as the Border's if not Scotland's most precious tourist attraction, no longer treasured by Council?

Great cities around the world protect their views. Perth, Australia is an example. No buildings are permitted near the Swan river. Once a property is devalued by the local authorities, it becomes diminished in the eyes of the world. Don't let this happen to Abbotsford.

Please be assured that those same eyes of the world are on your Council and its upcoming decision regarding AGALA029 Netherbarns. We international visitors revere Abbotsford. We only hope that Council has the same respect and reverence for this exceptional Scottish treasure.

Sincerely,

Clancy Goodfellow

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