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Dear Council Members:

I urgently and respectfully ask you to reconsider and reject proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns to build on or near the Abbotsford estate. Abbotsford is truly a one of a kind place with its rich beauty that attracts visitors from around the world. I work at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina and I know first hand that a place like Abbotsford provides unique opportunities to reconnect with history and its surrounding landscape. I have a strong passion for Abbotsford as I lived in Scotland seven years and was a frequent visitor to Abbotsford. I have seen first hand here in my native mountains of western North Carolina that housing developments ill placed cause great damage to not only a pristine site like Abbotsford but also to the general environment and to wildlife as well. The world needs a place like Abbotsford, free from the intrusion of noise, pollution and waste that accompanies housing developments. It also needs to have the land around it and the Tweed to remain natural and free from construction intrusion, as we live in a world losing more places of natural beauty daily. The proposed tree scape around the development will not be sufficient to block out noise, sight and sound that will iminate from the development not just during the construction phase, but for years to come.

There is but one Abbotsford as there is but one Biltmore. As way of an example, Biltmore built its Inn and shops four miles from the estate home. Surely, there are other places that would not damage a unique place like Abbotsford that can accommodate 45 housing units instead of on Abbotsford's doorstep. If the council cannot see that the impact on Abbotsford tourism and her uniqueness as a one of a kind architectural marvel would be forever damaged by the proposed housing development, as a way forward could the Abbotsford trust try and raise funds to purchase the land that is earmarked for the proposed housing development? If construction can be halted no other way, would the purchase of the land be a viable alternative? Would you be able to give Abbotsford Trust the time and opportunity to raise such funds? Hopefully, the members of the council will see a way forward that will not intrude on the unique beauty of Abbotsford nor force Abbotsford herself to try and purchase the land, a fund raising campaign that could prove costly in its own right and difficult during these difficult times. Please reconsider the detrimental effects such a development will have on tourism, local economy, and the environment and that it will forever altar the unique beauty of Abbotsford.

Thank you and I hopefully and prayerfully ask you to reconsider AGALA029.

Best Regards,

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