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Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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Galashiels: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

Dear Sir

Birlinn Ltd is Scotlands largest trade publisher. We are committed to the preservation of the cultural heritage of Scotland. Abbotsford was the home of one of our two greatest writers. It is of international importance. One of Scotts central themes was the landscape and vistas of the Borders and particularly in and around Abbotsford. The Borders with the impending opening of the Great Tapestry of Scotland nearby clearly seek to build themselves as a tourist destination with Abbotsford and the Tapestry as key foci. To make a decision regarding housing based on wrong information on opening times, visitor numbers and with an assessment that mature screening woodland is a permanent feature of the landscape in a major year of celebration for Scott seems to us an astonishing statement about the lack of importance attached not simply to the site of Abbotsford but what it signifies. We, and I am sure every cultural body in Scotland would vehemently oppose this proposal.

What would you like to do now?

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