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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:

David McClay

What is your email address?

Individual Email:

[REDACTED]

What is your address?

Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

[REDACTED]

Address line 3:

Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

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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: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

I was aghast that an area of such natural beauty and significance is proposed for housing, but truly horrified that the locale and view of and from Sir Walter's Scott's historic home would be destroyed by the proposed development. This is not only an area of historic and contemporary importance but an area and view which should be preserved for the nation and for the international community. It would be shameful if housing on this site would proceed and would cause lasting reputational damage as a deplorable act of cultural and scenic vandalism. Scott himself would be turning in his grave at such a development and I only regret that I do not possess the eloquence of his pen to stand up against this but hope that the decision can be firmly against any development. The Borders, Scotland and the world owe so much to Scott, that to disgrace his memory in such a way, and in his anniversary year no less, would be a mortifying stain on the planning process. I'm sure the impact on the success of Abbotsford and the Borders to attract tourism would be significantly damaged if this housing was built, which for an economically vital yet fragile part of the economy would be ridiculous. If such an ill conceived proposal goes ahead I'd expect the local and international clamour against it to be loud and clear.

What would you like to do now?

