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Dear Mr 

Consultation on Proposed Local Development Plan – New settlement at Hollybush,

I would like to lodge a protest against the proposal to create a new settlement at Hollybush near Galashiels. I think this may be the second new settlement to be planned for the Borders. The first being Cardrona. This settlement must be outside any existing area of land scheduled for development i.e. adjoining towns and villages. It would urbanise what is currently countryside especially with the proposed new road and widening of existing roads in order to facilitate connection with Galashiels. The Borders does not need another village. It would obviously dramatically increase the traffic in the area as you have recognised and hence the new road etc. To put a road through Gala Policies, which should be considered sacrosanct, would be an act of vandalism. It would also dramatically lessen the attraction and safety of the Policies for walkers and their children. Quite apart from Covid, we already have a problem with the lack of jobs in the Borders. Now with the result of Covid the situation is likely to get even worse. As a result the people living in these new houses would have to travel to Edinburgh for work. At the moment and probably for some time to come, people are wary about travelling by train hence the pressure on the roads would increase still further.

I hope therefore you may reconsider this proposal and leave Hollybush as part of the beautiful Borders countryside.

Yours Sincerely,



Patrick Copsey