



Forward Planning
Council Headquarters
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Dear Sirs

Planning Proposal: AGALA029 Netherbarns

I write to protest about the proposed housing development opposite Abbotsford House.

Abbotsford is an immensely important historical landmark, important not only to the Borders but in the context of Scotland as a whole. It is not the house alone that is important but the whole setting in which it lies. Even if Abbotsford was not visited by thousands of people every year, it would be an act of vandalism to destroy the surroundings and the outlook from the house by planting a development of new houses immediately opposite and at such a short distance from the house.

Quite apart from the aesthetic argument, it would seem a major error to do anything which might impair Abbotsford's standing as one of the prime visitor attractions in Scotland, let alone the Borders. Anything which detracts from the employment it provides and the income it generates for the area would seem to be a grave mistake.

Apart from these considerations, what message does it send to visitors to this country that we care so little for our history and our heritage that we are prepared to desecrate such an outstanding treasure in such a thoughtless way?

Yours faithfully



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