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Forward Planning
Council Headquarters
Newtown St. Boswells
TD6 0SA

Dear Sirs,

AGALA029 Netherbarns

I am writing regarding the proposed development at Netherbarns to which I object for the following reasons:

How can the Council possibly contemplate building a housing estate in full view of Abbotsford House especially as we are about to celebrate 250 years since his birth, in August this year. What a birthday present?

The physical setting of the house is one of its enduring features, and recently a great deal of money, partly public, has been spent on its restoration, and the creation of a visitor centre.

The house and grounds are a major tourist attraction in a part of the borders where it is difficult to attract visitors. Why throw that away for the short term gain for the landowner.

There might be an argument for the development were it social housing for which there is a great need everywhere. However it is not, just expensive executive dwellings for which there is no special need, just Greed.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Simpson

