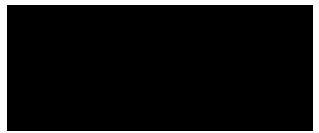


From Lord Sanderson of Bowden, KB, DL



7/1/21

Dear Sirs,

I write to you to object to the AGAL AO 29 Netherbarns Plan.

Having Served as Chairman of the Abbotstford Trust from its formation in 2007 for many years and still taking a close interest in the way Abbotstford has been developed since that date, you will not be surprised to know that from the first intimation of possible planning being given to the land called Netherbarns, I have been very sad to hear that it is yet again coming before the Planning Committee seeking approval for housing.

As you may know the restoration of Abbotstford started after the death of Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott under the Trustees who at the beginning comprised myself Andrew Douglas-Home and the late Tony Taylor.

I would say that without the help from your council and the Scottish Government at that time we should not have been in able to take the huge task forward so it pains me to think that you are still planning to approve this scheme which undoubtedly will impinge on the Abbotstford Estate.

I have no doubt that you will reconsider the LDP2 report and the likely visual intrusion this development will have and the incorrect statements therein.

My concern is that after all the work and finance that has gone into the restoration of the House much of it done by local contractors it should fall to the year of the 250th anniversary of Sir Walter Scotts birth, that such a scheme should be contemplated.

I have no objection in principle to planning schemes for housing and applaud the decision of your council to purchase Lowood nearby, BUT when it comes to affecting the wellbeing of the whole development that has resulted in growing numbers of visitors to the restored House and Estate, I feel that this must be resisted at all costs.

Yours sincerely

