

8th January 2021.

Forward Planning,
SBC,
Council HQ,
Riverton St. Beowells,
Melbore,
Rockingham T06 CSA.

Dear Sir,

Local Development Plan - Proposal AGALA029/Nettle, Bamo


I wish to object to the proposed allocation AGALA029 in the Local Plan for housing development at the Nettle, Bamo site opposite Abbotsford, on the other side of the River Inwood on the following grounds:

1. The ^{unspoilt} view from Abbotsford to the other side of the River Inwood will be lost, the property being situated in a historic landscape, appreciated by locals and visitors alike. The site is highly visible in the wider landscape.
2. It would be very undesirable for the Galashiels urban area to extend any further to the south along the Inwood valley, which is not the natural valley of the town.
3. It is considered that any proposed woodland screening would not mitigate the adverse impacts of the setting of Abbotsford in the Designed Landscape with screening being of a deciduous nature the effect would be totally lost in winter. The existing tree screening is mature and deteriorating.

4. The magnitude of proposed development will be far too great for it to fit into the landscape, and if to be proceeded with at all must be radically reduced, but ideally should not take place.
5. The proximity of the existing Incebank settlement and the proposal to construct 300 homes there, would seem to be reason enough to exclude the Nettles Barns site from any development.
6. There is already too much pressure on the Central Ince Valley area for development. New development should be much more evenly spread across the whole SBC area.
7. This proposal has previously been rejected at Local Public Inquiries over a 12-year period and would seem to be reason enough to exclude the site from the Local Development Plans.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours faithfully,



(IAN G. MARTINE)