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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 December 2020 21:58  
**To:** Natalie Harmsworth  
**Cc:** localplan  
**Subject:** Re: Abbotsford Local Biodiversity Site: Grid reference NT505340 Total area 37.93 (Ha)

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CAUTION: External Email

Dear [REDACTED],

There is no process of consultation here. I've advised you that we aren't interested in your proposal for a Local Biodiversity Site on our land. We don't wish to discuss this further nor do we have the time or inclination. I can see from the letter you have conducted an assessment of our land back in 2015. Perhaps you wish to explain and justify your actions? We did not agree to this nor were we consulted. This kind of behaviour and lack of basic courtesy is not acceptable, there is no qualified right to roam, which would allow you to conduct such an assessment. We would be grateful if someone can confirm the proposal is now closed, and you are seeking a Biodiversity Site elsewhere. Otherwise, you shall here from our Lawyer, and I will be in touch with my friend [REDACTED].

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 December 2020 10:15  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Abbotsford Local Biodiversity Site: Grid reference NT505340 Total area 37.93 (Ha)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email.

I see you have copied in the local plan email address. Scottish Borders Council will be handling consultation responses and will be in touch in due course.

Kind regards,  
Natalie

TW [REDACTED]  
I C Acting Centre Manager

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**Sent:** 30 November 2020 17:07

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Abbotsford Local Biodiversity Site: Grid reference NT505340 Total area 37.93 (Ha)

Dear Ms Harmsworth,

It's with regret we have received your letter dated the 20th of November 2020. My family are operating a working farm, and we don't wish to hear from you, nor partake in any activity which will restrict us from managing our private land, we continue to work hard in order to maintain our land at a very high standard. Your organisation will not be granted any access rights, nor the right to start a Local Biodiversity Site on our land. Who suggested our land for such status? Let me suggest you practice Biodiversity at home and leave landowners like my family to conduct their own business as they see fit. Please acknowledge this email and confirm that you will not be adopting our land as yours for a Biodiversity Site. This is an utter disgrace and I shall not stand for this kind of free for all attitude, whereby the public think the countryside is a national park which has no private ownership. Farmers are already in a difficult position because of the nonsensical right to roam policy, whereby the public think they can walk anywhere. This proposal of a Biodiversity Site on our farm will only incite more issues which we already have from the public. My family will not be persuaded to change their minds and we wish to be left alone.

Your sincerely,

[REDACTED]

On behalf of James Morton and Son,

[REDACTED]