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To: localplan
Subject: Objection to Proposed LDP Galashiels

CAUTION: External Email

FAO Forward Planning, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells

I am [REDACTED], a resident of [REDACTED] and I am writing to object to the proposed LDP for Galashiels, site reference SGALA005 and SGALA016.

Gala Policies were gifted to the people of Galashiels as a resource of exceptional natural beauty.

These proposals would all but destroy them, cutting into important and rare local green space, and cannot be allowed to stand. The proposal to build a road through Gala Policies, in particular, is insane. Galashiels has precious little green space as it is, and this development plan would do enormous harm to a vital local resource. Gala Policies is of central daily importance to families and to run a road through it would turn it into a dangerous, polluting site where children can no longer play safely.

Local authorities should be preserving our natural environment and devising ways to encourage people to spend more time outside for their health, not destroying the access to the rare community green space that we already have.

During the latest Covid lockdown families from across the town have been using Gala Policies as a safe place to get fresh air while spending time with the woodland and its wildlife, something that isn't possible anywhere else within the town. Among many species which would be deprived of a habitat by this plan are the roe deer which I regularly see grazing in the Policies on early morning walks.

There is no need to cut a road through the Policies, which should remain a protected green space in their entirety. The Policies belong to the people of Galashiels, and there should never be a road allowed to cut through them.

Please confirm you have logged my objection.

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