

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RPMZ-C

Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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### About you

Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent?

Individual

### Individual

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Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

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What is your contact telephone number?

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### Proposed Local Development Plan Menu

Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

### Comment on Sites in Settlements F to H

Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

There is no justification for the proposed 45 unit development at Netherbarns, which would completely destroy the all year round view from the internationally significant Abbotsford House.

No amount of tree planting or ground works can provide an effective screen for the development, which is suburban in nature and unsuited to its proposed location.

There are many locations in other parts of Galashiels that could accommodate the 45 units, by re-purposing existing brownfield land or fields adjacent to other parts of the town. There is no need to sacrifice green space land alongside this historic stretch of the Tweed.

The council has a duty to preserve the history of the Scottish Borders and the legacy of Sir Walter Scott.

It must resist pressure from developers to build housing driven by profit, not need.

The development would no doubt be marketed for its location and view of Abbotsford House, completely disregarding the effect on the house and the amenity of the Tweed.

The site has already been rejected several times, the reasons for which are well documented and none of which have changed. Why is it back for consideration again?

Use of the Tweedside walks continues to increase. This aspect of life in the Borders should be supported by the Council through preservation of green space.

The prospect of short term benefit from Developer Contributions for the proposed Netherbarns site should not be allowed to influence planning decisions. This proposal must be rejected once and for all.

**What would you like to do now?**

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