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Objection to proposal AGALA029 (Netherbarns)

I strongly believe that the proposed housing development at Netherbarns would have a profoundly damaging impact upon Abbotsford. Abbotsford is not only one of the country's finest assets but the absolute jewel in the crown of the Scottish Borders.

The Category A listed buildings, gardens and landscapes were created by Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832). Abbotsford is among the most significant designed landscapes in Scotland, is of outstanding national significance and is renowned internationally as the prototype of Scots Baronial architecture. The Scottish Government's "Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland" designate Abbotsford as being of "Outstanding" significance:

Work of Art - Outstanding: The designed landscape at Abbotsford gained widespread fame during the 19th century as a 'picturesque landscape', and continues to be recognised as an exceptional work of art in its own right that retains much of its historical structure.

Architectural – Outstanding: The Category A listing and aesthetic composition includes walled gardens and courtyards, conservatory, bothies, game larder, ice house, terraces, gate lodge, boundary walls, gardener's cottage, stable block, garden statuary and all other ancillary structures.

I feel this proposed development at Netherbarns - on the banks of the Tweed directly opposite Abbotsford - will have a profoundly damaging impact upon people's enjoyment of Abbotsford, as well as upon the unique cultural and historical value of Abbotsford's historic buildings, gardens and estate, and on our vital tourism economy that has already endured such a battering as a result of the pandemic.

The suggestion that planting a thin screen of trees - which will take many years to mature - would adequately hide the 45 houses that would make up the new development is ridiculous. Furthermore, the associated light, sound and visual intrusions caused by this proposed development will impact adversely on Abbotsford's unique heritage assets, historic setting and the cultural landscape of the Scottish Borders and Tweed Valley. This impact will reduce the enjoyment of visitors to Abbotsford and reduce the huge economic contribution which Abbotsford makes to the region.

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