

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Forward Planning  
S.B.C. Council HQ.  
Newtown St. Boswells.  
Inchrose. TD6 0SA.

Dear Ains,  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PROPOSAL AGALA 029/  
Netherbarns.

I wish to object to the proposed allocation AGALA 029  
in the local plan for housing development @ the NETHERBARNNS  
site opposite ABBOTSFORD on the other side of the R. TWEED  
on the following grounds.

1. The unspoilt view from Abbotsford to the other side of  
the R. Tweed will be lost, the property being situated in  
a historic landscape, appreciated by locals and visitors  
(from around the world) alike. The site is highly visible in  
the wider landscape.
2. It would be very undesirable for the Galashields  
urban area to extend any further to the south along the  
Tweed 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 ...

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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 TWEEDBANK SETTLEMENT, the proposal to construct 300 houses there, would seem to be reason enough to exclude the Netherbarns site of any development.

6. There is already too much pressure on the Central Tweed Valley area for development. New development should be much more evenly spread across the whole S.B.C. area.

7. This Proposal has previously been rejected @ Local Public Inquiries over a 12 year period and seem to be reason enough to exclude the site from the Local Development Plan.

And finally the thought that what an eyesore and a building site when the eyes of the world are on Abbotsford for Scotland's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Year of Scotland's Strife in 2021-2022 ??? Horrible thoughts.

I look forward to hearing from you.  
Yours faithfully, Irene J. Martine.