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

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Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: SGALA016: Hollybush Valley: Longer Term Mixed Use

What are your comments regarding this site?:

1.The information on the Hollybush proposals states, " new road through the Policies on Balmoral Avenue side"

To build a road through the Gala Policies would surely mean some felling of some mature trees which is detrimental to the environment and climate.

Removing trees would mean less absorbsion of carbon emmissions,and less absorbtion of exess ground warer. Laying tarmac and paving also reduces absorbtion of water. Both of these can lead to more flooding

It also means encouraging more motorised traffic when efforts should be being made to reduce motorised traffic and encourage walking and cycling.

The gala policies is an area where people can get away from traffic, and enjoy nature freely. It should not become yet another space for traffic, with artificial planned and managed space for pedestrians and nature.

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