

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RPKH-R

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

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**Quick Comment:**

I wish to object to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan - I am a Trustee of Abbotsford however I have been involved in Scotland's tourism since 1993 and this proposal seems to me to be about as gratuitously harmful to an irreplaceable piece of Scotland's and the Borders' most precious heritage as it is possible to imagine. Only if it can be demonstrated that these homes or equivalents cannot be built anywhere else, and are vital to the wellbeing of local people, should it even be contemplated. Even then, can anyone think of anything more ridiculous than to approve the building of houses opposite Abbotsford in Scott's 250th year - with all the benefits that celebration and its legacy, as well as Abbotsford itself, already bring, and promise to bring, to the local area?

As the Abbotsford Trust has said, the associated light, sound and visual intrusions will impact adversely on the 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.

The Abbotsford Trust has based its objection on the National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3):

NPF3 recognises the contribution made by our cultural heritage to our economy, cultural identity and quality of life. Planning has an important role to play in maintaining and enhancing the distinctive and high-quality, irreplaceable historic places which enrich our lives, contribute to our sense of identity and are an

important resource for our tourism and leisure industry.

In this current climate, the idea of building houses that WILL - as anyone being honest knows it will - damage this incredibly important setting, must go against the need to build a better future for everyone in the Borders - not just the people who would live in these houses, but the hundreds of thousands of people who benefit from this unique place existing, in a state authentically close to its originator's vision.

Please do not be the council that allows this short-sighted and narrow-focused proposal to go ahead. Thank you.

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