

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RP6Q-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

What is your name?

Individual name:

Edward Brown

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Address line 1:

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[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

### 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?:

The development of the Netherbarns site will impact adversely on Abbotsford's heritage assets, historic setting and the cultural landscape of the Scottish Borders and Tweed Valley due to light, sound and visual intrusions. This impact will reduce the enjoyment of visitors to Abbotsford and reduce the huge economic contribution which Abbotsford makes to the region. As a regular visitor to Abbotsford, both individually and with friends visiting the Scottish Borders, being able to stand where Sir Walter Scott once stood in the building and look out on the same vista is a remarkable, unique and unforgettable experience. Developing a housing site at Netherbarns and trying to hide it behind a line of trees would be to ignore the importance of Abbotsford to the Scottish Borders and Scotland. It is a unique place. The development of Netherbarns would destroy so much of the experience of visiting Abbotsford and should not proceed. We are not short of development land around Galashiels and, if the housing capacity is deemed necessary, an alternative site should be found. The integrity and heritage of Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford must be maintained.

What would you like to do now?

