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Subject: AGALA02NETHERBARN'S OBJECTION

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I am a member of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America. I object to the AGALA29 Netherbarns development for many reasons.

I first came to Scotland in 1966 on my honeymoon. Our first day there my new husband wanted to see all the historic sites. I, however, saw a sign saying "Dog Show." As in all good marriages, we compromised and did both. First was the dog show displaying many breeds we had never seen. I liked them all; but when I spotted the Dandie Dinmonts, I fell in love. Yes, I fell in love with another man on my honeymoon. On returning home, our first joint venture was to become Dandie Dinmont owners—not an easy undertaking in the US. There has been a Dandie in our family ever since. It is a very rare breed now and on the endangered species list.

The home of the Dandie Dinmont is Abbotsford where Sir Walter Scott wrote Guy Mannering naming the Dandie Dinmonts. This would be impacted by the Netherbarns project. It would be one of many places damaged in this irreplaceable historical, cultural and aesthetic region. The tourist industry would be greatly affected and thus significantly damage local businesses as well. I have visited Scotland many times to visit my brother-in-law, but the charm and uniqueness of your country is what made me want to come back many times.

Alexander McCall Smith's series of books on Scotland portray a wonderful charm, but I am afraid much of this would be lost with projects like the Netherbarns one which would block the historic view of the Tweed forever. Please reject this project and help keep Scotland the Scotland which many of us love and hope to visit many more times. Your heritage is in your own hands.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,
Sandra Brody