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Objection to proposed development on grounds of:

- • Environment
- • Reduction of working farm land
- • Character of Land
- • Infrastructure
- • Existing land and buildings

Any proposed change to the area AHAW1026,1027,BHAW1004 and BHAW 1001 is going to have serious consequences on the surrounding area.

Any development in the whole area is, for myself and all other members of the local community, going to destroy the entire environment whichever way it is viewed, as, living at the foot of [REDACTED], this will affect everything in my life even more than many others. The reasons for my moving to Hawick in the first place were everything you intend to destroy, as set out in your proposal.

1. There are plenty of empty and almost derelict properties in Hawick which would be ideal to use, without the need to destroy further unbuilt areas in and around the town.

This would therefore create an economical saving compared with installing new services and creating new areas of construction on farm land and other undeveloped areas in and around the town.

2. **Pollution from Construction vehicles, delivery of construction materials, and construction workers vehicles would be detrimental to the area. The essential and necessary requirement for extra drainage and sewage would put a further**

strain on an already overworked system.

3. **Noise pollution during the building works would have a negative impact on everyone in the locality throughout the entire building phase.**
4. **Loss of valuable agricultural land (maintained by a young and hard working farmer) would put people's livelihoods at risk.**
5. Massive increase in people to an area that can offer little or no employment which in turn unfortunately increases crime and poverty.
6. The council approving any of those above sites is going against everything that the world is fighting against, especially with regard to the environment, thus creating a threat of the natural habitat for local wildlife and upsetting the status quo for any future balance between nature and the sustainability of the wildlife in the area.
7. Aesthetically it would destroy the entrance to the town - the first thing visitors would see would be a blot on the landscape, and so would discourage visitors from stopping in Hawick and spending money with our local businesses. It would therefore be detrimental to the local economy as Hawick desperately needs visitors to promote the town and keep the small and independent businesses buoyant and viable.
8. The road system in and around the town would be severely impacted. Having more vehicles, including an increase in commercial vehicles, would be a physical nuisance as well as the noise nuisance that extra vehicles constantly create. The added issue of the need for sufficient car parking would create a further problem for the current residents of properties in the area.

Let's work together make Hawick a good place to live and visit. Work together to rebuild the town which will make people want to live and visit. The proposed plans are going to not only drive people away but turn the beautiful and friendly town of Hawick into a ghost town once again.

George Dick