



14 January 2021

AGALA029 Netherbarns

Dear Sir,

I write to object to the disgraceful proposal to build houses on the north bank of the Tweed opposite Abbotsford, which is one of the great literary shrines not just of Scotland but, given Sir Walter Scott's pervasive influence, of Europe as a whole. One of the key buildings of its period, echoed as far away as the Crimea, Abbotsford depends for its impact on its undefiled setting.

Although I do not live in Scotland, I have more Scottish than English blood: and many years ago I wrote what still remains the only modern book on the portraits of Scott



Francis Russell