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Dear Sirs,

Netherbarrow Development Plan.

We find it deeply shocking & very depressing that the Council is planning to build 45 houses on the opposite bank to Abbotsford.

Nobody can imagine the huge amount of work by loyal volunteers, that went into raising the funds & restoring the house & gardens to their present glory. Our charity has given over £1. million pounds to the project & we feel passionate about Abbotsford.

It is the jewel in the crown of the Scottish Borders & has brought much needed investment & employment to the area. Thousands of visitors from across the globe flock to see the house of the much loved author Sir Walter Scott. The gardens are also a particular delight, but most of all, it is the sacred view of the Tweed which inspired Sir Walter, & which he loved so dearly, & which is especially precious. It brings peace

& tranquility & a chance to enjoy the wild life.

What will future visitors think when they see 45 new houses wrecking this precious view. They will wonder in amazement that the Council has so little appreciation of Abbotsford & cares nothing about preserving as much as possible of the magical place which is Abbotsford.

No amount of tree planting will blot out the houses, they will deface the hillside & the noise of the cars will pollute the peace & calm. We seriously urge you to prevent this outrageous plan from going forward. Instead, why not do all you can to preserve this view, keep the banks wooded, encourage wild life & show us that the Council does have a green policy & is aware of climate change.

Yours faithfully

