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I would like to put forward an objection to the proposed development called the Hollybush development, in particular, the road going through the Policies.

I live at the beginning of [REDACTED] and look out towards the entrance to the Policies there and walk in the Policies everyday. In fact, it has been a godsend in all these months of lockdown. Many people regularly use the paths there too so it is a popular place. To think of a road going through the area is terrible. There are so many reasons why this should not happen.

- the Policies are a public resource and belong to the people of Galashiels.
- In this time of global warming, trees should be preserved, not cut down.
- Tarmac instead of woodland paths is not progress. It is a retrograde step considering climate change.
- Many dog walkers use the Policies. If a road is put through, dog walking will be severely curtailed.
- Many children play in the Policies. Again, a road would have implications for their safety.
- Nature has been cited as a benefit to mental health. At a time like this, during a pandemic, natural places are more important than ever. Although this pandemic will eventually pass, research has shown that others can happen at any time. We must preserve the places we have. Nature is important, no matter the circumstances.

I urge the planners to reconsider the proposed plans and to leave the Policies as they are.

Thank you.

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