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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 January 2021 16:27
To: localplan
Subject: AGALA029 Netherbarns

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Sirs, I am writing to you to express how strongly I oppose the proposed **AGALA029 Netherbarns** development in your local development plan. I feel that the proposed building development of 45 houses with only a thin screen of trees opposite Abbotsford House would ruin the unique qualities of the House and grounds, and would be detrimental to the site. Local people and people like me from further afield use the Abbotsford House grounds for walking and wellbeing all year round, not just in the summer. Walking in the woods and being able to have the peace and tranquility of the site as a place of sanctuary and wellbeing would be spoiled by the proposed houses during their construction and also afterwards, due to the light pollution they would cause across the riverbank. A thin screen of trees which will take years to mature is not enough. Supporters of Abbotsford House like me feel very strongly that you need to realise that the magic of Abbotsford (and the reason it brings so much money to the Borders economy) is because of its locale and quiet woods and grounds. I cannot overstate the importance of quiet outdoor space for people's wellbeing now and in the future. There are surely other parts of Galashiels' outskirts where a new development of housing could be built that would not have such a massive detrimental impact on one of the most economically important venues in the Borders.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,
Jane Furness