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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in connection with the proposed development at Netherbarns close to Abbotsford (AGALA029 Netherbarns).

Abbotsford and Sir Walter Scott mean a great deal to me. They have played a major role in my appreciation of Scottish literature and to my mind the house and its view are central to an understanding of Scott. I was brought up to love his books and the area he wrote about. When I visit Abbotsford the wonderful view from its prominent position is an important part of the essence of Scott's books and I am shocked to learn that it might be lost. It is priceless and irreplaceable; its loss would seriously spoil Abbotsford for me and no doubt for thousands of people like me, who love the place for its associations and for its iconic outlook.

I know that many places are short of housing and that compromises have to be made to provide more houses. However this seems a terrible compromise to consider as it would tarnish a view that has always existed and which forms part of the legend and legacy of one of Scotland's finest authors. Scott's work and Abbotsford are rightly known all over the world and I am sure that those who are aware of this possible development will be as disappointed and worried as I am that this development is even being contemplated. Please heed the views of the many thousands of people who love and appreciate Abbotsford.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy J. A. Howarth

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