

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 January 2021 17:17  
**To:** localplan  
**Subject:** Plans for Building At Abbotsford

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To walk by the Tweed in the peace and quiet of that setting is to experience what drew him to the place: it is part of the experience to see the view as he saw it. Removing the peace of the wider setting is to reduce the attraction to a mere house; a repository for artefacts.

There are many "brownfield " sites that could be used for housing and which might well provide houses for local people.

I would urge you not to lose sight of the fact that a site, once desecrated cannot be returned to its previous unspoiled state. There will be infrastructure; there will be concrete, inappropriate planting and noise for no housing estate can be without cars, bin lorries, barbecues, parties. In particular there will be light pollution. People do need houses but Scotland is a very empty country: please find another site which does not impinge on one of your greatest treasures.

Yours faithfully

Victoria Rose

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