

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RPD2-U

Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**  
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### About you

Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent?

Individual

### Individual

What is your name?

Individual name:

Andrew Cooper

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Individual Email:

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What is your address?

Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

[REDACTED]

Address line 3:

Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

### Proposed Local Development Plan Menu

Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

### Comment on Sites in Settlements F to H

Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

I object to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan.

I consider the development of the Netherbarns site will detrimentally irreversibly ecologically and environmentally impact the historical and cultural heritage asset of Abbotsford House and the wider Tweed Valley.

The development of this green open space will detrimentally and irreversibly, adversely impact the Environmental and Ecological balance of the Tweed Vally including the world renowned historic setting of Abbotsford House, as a consequence of the increase in the inevitable detrimental domestic and infrastructure impacts emissions , including the associated light pollution, Co2 , and vehicle traffic impacts, these can not be fully off set with compensatory environmental measures, which are only ever designed and balanced to maintain the status quo rather than improve the Environment.

The development of the site will irreversibly, adversely and detrimentally affect the setting and visual impact of the world renowned cultural asset which is Abbotsford House and its setting in the Tweed Valley

The current global Pandemic has shown businesses around the world can and will adapt and are functioning effectively and efficiently with their staff working from

a home setting, there are many commercial office buildings including Scottish Borders Council HQ which are proving themselves to be redundant and should be considered as part of the overall strategy to re use , re purpose and re developed existing buildings thereby safeguarding National Treasures specifically in this case Abbotsford House Netherbarns and the Tweed Valley.

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**What would you like to do now?**

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