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Dear Sirs,

As Friends of Abbotsford we wish to register our objection to the development of the Netherbarns site. We believe that the associated light, sound and visual intrusions will impact adversely on the unique heritage assets of Abbotsford, its historic setting and the cultural landscape of the Scottish Borders and Tweed Valley. This impact will reduce the enjoyment of visitors to Abbotsford and reduce the huge economic contribution which Abbotsford makes to the region.

We are particularly concerned that the only proposed screening of the housing development will be the existing steep slope with fragile mature trees (cared for by the Abbotsford Trust) plus a thin line of new planting. Not only will this new planting be insufficient, especially in winter and at night, but - according to the developer - it will also take many years to mature. Woodland management experts have advised the Abbotsford Trust that sight lines to the housing development will inevitably be created as the very mature trees fall, due to natural causes, in coming years.

The historic landscape setting of Abbotsford is of unique value and we do not wish something so irreplaceable to be lost for ever to future generations.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Watson & David Ashworth

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