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Good day,

I'm writing to voice my objection to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns. I'll admit that my opinion carries less weight than a local, but I appreciate you giving it a read. I'm an [REDACTED] who had the pleasure of saying at Abbotsford in the summer of 2016. It was a magnificent experience and I obviously have plans to return when travel restrictions are eased. When I'm asked by friends and family what my experience in Scotland was like, I simply show them a video I captured on my phone during my trip. This video is a 30 second clip of my view; a gentle rainfall mixed with the sound of the tweed and the hillside dotted with sheep. In my mind, you could not find a better promotional tool for your beautiful region than this clip. I would hate to see that view, which to me epitomized Scotland, marred.

I have no doubt that your region has growth in mind and will come up on a housing shortage if it goes unaddressed. My objection is just to that particular hillside being put to that use. I don't claim to know the rules, regulations, property values, or laws of the land in full detail, but I do know that this image I see in my sleep sometimes has inspired more than one person to put plans of their own trip to Scotland in motion. My own return trips are inevitable now. I don't think of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Loch Ness, or distilleries like many people do. I think of The Borders, Melrose, Galashiels, Abbotsford, The River Tweed, and the hillside beyond, and I ask that you reflect on the quiet beauty this iconic scene as you consider the proposal.

Thank you very much for reading my opinion.

Sincerely,

Justin Lewis
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