

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RPYX-P

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:

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What is your email address?

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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 would like to object to the proposed housing development on the Netherbarns site.

The site lies directly opposite a category A listed building and an designated designed landscape of international significance. Abbotsford House and its designed landscape is one of the most visionary and important buildings in Scotland. Not only was it created and built by one of Scotland's most important and globally influential writers but it also created an architectural style which now dominates much of Scotland's historic building stock. To say that Sir Walter Scott and Abbotsford played a significant part in shaping the Scottish nation is no understatement.

The proposed housing development at Netherbarns will significantly detract from the setting of Abbotsford and negatively impact the designed landscape. It will cause light, sound and visual intrusion to the site and impact on the enjoyment of the landscape. The Abbotsford estate is a very important amenity for the population of the Scottish Borders, in close vicinity to Galashiels, Tweedbank and Melrose. The Abbotsford Trust has worked tirelessly to open the estate for the local community and has a vibrant and much acclaimed community engagement programme.

The proposed housing estate would be screened inadequately by the existing and proposed planting, in particularly during the winter and once the mature trees of the present screening will have to be felled.

Abbotsford is also one of the major tourist attractions in the Borders, bringing significant revenue and employment in toe the area. Part of the appeal for visitors is its unrivalled setting within the landscape of the Borders. This would be negatively impacted by the proposed development. 2021 is the 250th anniversary of Sir Walter Scott. It would be an embarrassment for the council to sanction a development which seeks to destroy his vision.

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

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