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From: [REDACTED]

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To:

Subject: PROPOSED nETHERBARNs HOUSING

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Dear Sirs,
I felt I had to write to you to object to the proposed Netherbarns Housing Development of 45 houses to built across the River Tweed from Abbotsford House, the stunning home of Sir Walter Scott.
I am a Friend of Abbotsford and also a registered Scottish Tourist Driver Guide. I enjoy Abbotsford myself but also take many hundreds of international visitors to this important historic site every year.

Sir Walter Scott said on completing his building of Abbotsford and its surroundings, that his landscape would be more precious and loved than his many books in the future. We must protect his legacy in this his 250th anniversary year. Abbotsford was so called because it was where the abbots and monks forded/crossed the River many years ago, an ancient way which must not be destroyed.
This development would be a serious 'blot on the landscape' across from Abbotsford House and no tree planting will obscure the developed, firstly as trees take a long time to mature and as some of them fall will open up sight lines to the housing. It will spoil views that visitors to Abbotsford have enjoyed for many years.

I hope, with all my heart, that this housing development will be rejected.

Yours sincerely

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