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To whom it may concern,

I would like to strongly object to the plans to build a road through Gala Policies to the new proposed Hollybush site, SGALA016 and SGALA005.

Gala Policies is a well used piece of woodland, with beautiful old trees, and a vital area for walking, and a road through it would completely ruin it for everyone.

I moved to Galashiels in 2006 to study at Heriot Watt University, and after a year or two living in London after I graduated I moved back and have been living here ever since. It wasn't until about 5 years ago when I started regularly walking in the Policies that I felt at home here. The Policies are where I have met other people, where I have found a sense of community. I generally walk there twice a day and always bump into other walkers, and always see the area well used- by dog walkers, runners, primary schools and high school. During lockdown it became particularly well used, with fairy houses popping up all over the place! I don't particularly love Galashiels, but the Policies are the bit of it I really love, they're what keep me and my business in the area.

The fields that neighbour the Policies and would be used as part of the Hollybush site are also well used, so I generally object to the whole site, but if new housing has to go up, then I think it vital that the Policies are left undisturbed.

Kind regards,

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