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I strongly object to the building of the new school in the Scott park and a "New District " in the policies out to Hollybush.

I am not against the building of a new school ,just not in the Scott Park which is ground that was gifted to the people of Galashiels and surrounding areas for recreational use by the Scott family.

I feel we have lost too many parks in the past as in the Wilderhaugh Park,The Haliburton park,part of the Wee park,part of the Public park and already part of the Scott park to mention just a few of the spaces we have lost and never replaced.

I feel that the current footprint that the Academy and extension presently sits in means that there is a LOT of wasted space around the buildings,one point that caught my eye was do we really need 7 tennis courts when they can also play this indoors?

Also the area between the main building and the gym halls /main hall area has a lot of space that could be utilized and put to better use,as could the vast area around the extension building.

In the past they have already built a games hall out the back so why not build out again to that point and that point only? (I know there is a burn running under the playing fields from the Hollybush side to the policies side so most of that area would be no good and is very boggy to say the least,that's probably why there used to be a curling pond there many years ago.) Also the Scott park could be used for rugby,hockey etc by the school.

As for the road going up through the policies? I will be short and sweet with my thoughts?,it's just basically the old plans from over 30 years ago dusted down by new Councillors trying to pull the wool on a younger generation and wanting a "New District"which will perhaps be hundreds of 3,4 bedroom large houses,not really for your local working family.

Iam John Allan.



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