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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object strongly to the truly shocking proposal to build 45 homes on the land opposite Abbotsford.

Sir Walter Scott's work has appeal and influence far beyond the Scottish Borders and the United Kingdom, with countless international fans of his literary legacy both past and present. Some of the work of [REDACTED] is testament to this. Abbotsford, its grounds and surrounding countryside are an integral part of the rich Scott legacy and should be valued and protected for generations to come.

A negligible planting of trees offered as a 'screen' to hide this development is clearly derisory. Anyone with any knowledge of trees and woodland knows that this cover would be seasonal and would leave the houses exposed to the view of visitors to Abbotsford in winter. It also suggests that the developer knows this development would be objectionable and/or unsightly.

On a purely commercial level Abbotsford's value to the ailing Scottish tourism industry must surely mean that anyone with an interest in this would not wish to see one of its greatest treasures defaced.

To permit this development to go ahead would be an act of wanton vandalism.

Regards,
Sarah Hill

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