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Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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About you

Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent?

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Individual

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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 feel very strongly indeed that any housing development on this land, which lies in a very sensitive site of great historic importance, will ruin the beauty and atmosphere of Abbotsford and its surrounding woodlands, river frontage and walks.

To even propose 'screening' as a satisfactory mitigating measure shows how little the authors of this proposal understand the impact of a housing development in an area that is largely a rural/agricultural unspoiled landscape, and that still today gives an impression of 'wild beauty'.

Abbotsford has 'protected' this stretch of the River Tweed for many years, by virtue of its enormous cultural significance to Scotland and indeed European culture in general, and I pray its presence here will continue to successfully guard the land round about from encroachments of housing developments which can be well-placed in many other sites around Galashiels and the Borders.

As a long-time resident in Town Yetholm, I have a good insight into how new and necessary housing developments can be incorporated so as not to ruin - in this

case - a conservation village, but rather to harmonise with the old and bring new life. Both Town and Kirk Yetholm offer many good examples, in this respect.

But I implore the decision-makers in this case to give this site the exceptional status it deserves and to once and for all place an embargo on all future/potential housing developments within close proximity of the River Tweed, and most especially at Abbotsford.

With best wishes, and yours most sincerely,

Dr. Marianne Rustad

What would you like to do now?

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