



Forward Planning,
Scottish Borders Council,
Newtown St Boswells,
Scottish Borders,
TD6 0SA.

11th January 2021

Dear Sirs,

Proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan

I write to object to the current proposals to develop the Netherbarns site. As my surname suggests, I come from a Border family. Some of my closest family relations still live in the Borders, several of them quite close to Abbotsford, which is of course well known to them, as it is to me. We all regard it as perhaps the finest jewel in the Borders crown, and of course it will have special prominence and significance in this Scott 250th Anniversary Year. We much admire the work of the Abbotsford Trust, and we are very conscious of the part played by the Borders Railway in making Abbotsford an outstanding and important tourist attraction and destination.

An important feature of the proposals is the planting of a thin screen of trees but, as has been pointed out on behalf of the Abbotsford Trust, it would take years to mature and would not adequately hide the houses proposed in this development.

Allowing these proposals at this important time would be disgraceful.

Yours truly,



Andrew Kerr.