



15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

To whom it may concern,

**AGALA029 Netherbarns**

**Local Development Plan**

Although I am now a long - distance objector, I lived in the area in the 1950s and for the last nearly 40 years have often visited cousins who live nearby and by association Abbotsford itself. I am a Life Member of the National Trust for Scotland.

I understand that previous Planning Applications for similar developments have been refused by your Officers and so I urge you to do so again with this current application.

I fully support the three main objections put forward by The Abbotsford Trust in its submission to you.

Even to someone living as far away as I do, it is quite obvious that many of the so-called mitigating measures proposed by the applicant are either patently not true or have such a long lead-in time before being effective as to be meaningless.

I accept that some of the objections are perhaps not strictly planning considerations but, as has been the case with earlier submissions, the wider public concern must play a large part in your deliberations. This is one of the most important landscape views, certainly in Scotland if not the whole of the UK, so it must be protected. The Borders need a healthy tourism trade to support the local economy and this view is probably the major component in the overall attraction of the Region.

We have a category of protection in England called "Protected Farmland View" which sometimes has its use but I don't know if you have anything similar in Scotland. In view of the importance of this view and all that rests on it, it would be good to see a similar, or better, designation given to this area so that it is permanently free from unwanted applications such this one.

So, please use all the powers at your disposal and refuse permission for this application.

Yours sincerely,



Colin T Sampson