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Dear Sirs,

Dr. S. James, Richard Noble & myself are all friends of Abbotsford. We all feel that it would be very sad to see building of houses at Netherbarns. Galashiels has few things to offer to visitors and Abbotsford is an on-going pleasure, as well as being a very proud visitor attraction - part of which is the view across the river to fields - as it would have been in Sir Walter's time. True, there are trees on the other side of the Tweed from Abbotsford - leaves have now fallen, leaving the view exposed. What a pity if 45 houses are on the planning list - please, do not spoil what is an iconic part of our heritage. We shall all be here for a limited time, but PLEASE leave something for future generations to enjoy.

Yours sincerely,