



12 January 2021

Dear Sir

Re Planning Application, No AGALAO29
Abbotsford House

It has recently been brought to my notice that a planning application has been made for a future development of up to 45 houses to be built on land across the river Tweed from Sir Walter Scott's former home, Abbotsford House.

To say that I was horrified by the news, would be a gross understatement. As a frequent visitor to the site, I have grown to love it and its wonderful situation on the banks of the Tweed. When I visit, I am aware of visitors from all over the world who are so impressed by the wonderful, peaceful situation of the house and the views across the river. I am certain that Abbotsford, its history and association with the world famous writer is a treasure which should be left exactly as it is without the rude intrusion of modern buildings visible from the garden and nearly every window of the house.

To think that Scottish Borders Council could even consider that such a historic, beautiful and valuable asset to our country be de-valued and utterly spoiled by building on land which would be visible at all times from Abbotsford is unbelievable.

I entreat you to consider very carefully all that would be destroyed if this ill thought out plan were to be progressed and I beg you to totally reject it in its entirety.

Yours sincerely



Elaine M Tibbetts (Mrs)