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Dear sir or Madam

I live at [REDACTED] and wish to point out some very important issues regarding this proposed housing development in the slopes of Lee Pen. Due to the height of the hill and the geology of it the water run off is high. The slopes are covered in springs. Several years ago something changed, possibly the failure or damage to land drains causing excess surface water to penetrate the housing estate of Kirklands via several gardens backing onto the farmland to the rear. Borders Council came out but did not have plans of surface water drainage and basically did nothing. Sepa visited and told a resident that they would not approve of development of the site due to spring water and run off surface water. Many homes and gardens are affected by this situation. I know of one resident in particular who is affected badly with this situation. Any proposed development would exacerbate the problem.

The area for insurance purposes is already considered a flood risk and our premiums show that.

On the other side of the Leithen Road is the Leithen Water and Ley. When there is heavy rain or snow and ice melting from further up the valley the river becomes the second fastest spate river in Scotland! I therefore feel any more water or large soakerway would cause a problem with the river, and perhaps a problem further downstream.

The local infrastructure would struggle. Sewage, dreadful road surface in Leithen road, blocked surface water drains, added problem of scores of downhill cyclists heading up to Caberston forest, creating dangerous driving conditions and add on one to two hundred extra cars. Due to the narrow pavement children are already at risk walking to school. How can an already full primary school cope with many more children? Can the medical centre cope with 200± more people? A great many considerations to be addressed

My name is [REDACTED]

Regards, Mrs Helen Fryer