

Scottish Borders Council
Forward Planning Team.

Dear Madam/Sir,
the planning application to
build 45 houses opposite
Abbotsford has been drawn to
my attention.

I would like to lend my voice
to the opposition to this proposal.
The view from Abbotsford is in
itself a part of Scotland's
cultural heritage since Sir
Walter chose the location. I
am unconvinced by the intention
to plant trees as a screen.
TREES grow slowly and are unlikely
to provide cover from the upper

storeys for a very long time.

I principally object as the plan fails to value the worth to Scotland of the heritage of Walter Scott and its role in promoting tourism and appreciation of Scotland's literary past.

I cannot be the only one to believe there must be other locations in the vicinity that would serve just as well. Anyone who has been to Giza will recognise how encroachment is a slippery slope once allowed at all. Anyone who thinks the pyramids are in the middle of nowhere is leading a fantasy life. I urge the Council to reconsider.

Yours faithfully [REDACTED]