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Dear all the team of the Local Development Plan department,

I am writing to you regarding your **AGALA029 Netherbarns** project.

In a nut shell how could you possibly destroy “Abbotsford”, the one iconic success story of the Borders. Millions have been spend on rebuilding the railway from Edinburgh to the Borders which is within walking distance to this iconic site, making it a major tourism attraction . Millions more have been raised in donations to restore this home so that people can enjoy and learn. It is an all year round attraction for locals, education groups, events and visitors.

Please think again as there are better places to put a housing development than in the sight line of Abbotsford thus destroying it's beauty. Don't do it.

Imagine if Newtown residents wanted to put a housing development in the sight line of Scott's view to the Eildon's. I am sure you would never allow that. This is the same scenario.

Trees are an act of nature and like humans will one day die. You can not argue the case that the trees currently in the sight line of Abbotsford to Netherbarns will protect the view.

Don't waste any more time trying to kid yourselves that this is project is a good idea – it is not. It will bring generations of animosity to Border folk. Protect your heritage and redevelop disused areas within Border towns where infrastructure and service are already available.

Born and brought up in the Borders, I hope my message is heard loud and clear and that the project is rejected.

Yours sincerely,

Georgina Riley