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Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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1. Cultural and visual impact on Abbotsford.
2. It is a vanity project for the developer and does not fulfil community needs.
3. The Council already has plans in place for Lowood which better suits community needs.

Details are provided in the document "Objections to Proposal AGALA029" attached.

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Objections to Proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan

We object to this proposal on three grounds.

Firstly, Abbotsford's identity is completely tied up with the identity of the area. Despoiling the views from the Borders' "Jewel in the Crown" would be detrimental to the whole area and its reputation. Do you really want it to be like the pyramids at Giza with housing so close that it spoils the magic of the whole visitor experience?

We remember the words of Prince Charles, the Duke of Rothesay, about a proposed London National Gallery extension in 1984, "What is proposed seems to me to be a monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much loved and elegant friend".

This development would be the thin end of the wedge, once completed more is bound to follow including road infrastructure and additional housing. Peace and quiet are also affected. During the Covid19 lockdowns, walks in Abbotsford have been so important for many for both physical and mental health.

Secondly, we believe that this is a vanity project to make lots of money for the developer. What this area needs is affordable housing that people on the average salary can buy. Whilst there are an abundance of flats in the area and very big houses, there is a shortage of family sized homes particularly as council houses have been sold off.

It would be irresponsible to build affordable family homes in the area of the proposed development with no facilities for families. The development at Cardrona is at least just off the main road and therefore can have a regular bus service but there are no shops or a primary school which is not ideal for families. Residents have built a community but they would admit they need more facilities.

Thirdly, the Council has plans for Lowood which do fit in more with what families need. How on earth does this development fit in with that? The obvious answer is that it does not. It would be separate and exclusive.

So our objections to this proposed development are threefold:

1. Cultural and visual impact on Abbotsford.
2. It is a vanity project for the developer and does not fulfil community needs.
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Yours faithfully,
K M Hudd & R K Tanner
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