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**CAUTION:** External Email

My name is Helen Burford and I am writing to you from Iowa City, USA, the second City of Literature following Edinburgh, Scotland. I happen to be involved in historic preservation, a former travel industry executive as well as a member of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America. Yes, I am an owner of this rare and wonderful terrier named by Sir Walter Scott.

I have read with interest the background requesting approval of AGALA029 Netherbarns and note that the project does not properly assess its impact on Abbotsford's contribution to the region, Scotland and its international audience. Abbotsford is one of Scotland's premier tourists attractions contributing a total of 7.4m pounds to the local economy and supporting 148 jobs. As recently as 5 years ago, a rail system from Edinburgh to Tweedbank near Abbotsford was inaugurated significantly improving access to this site.

The developer has been seeking permission to build housing directly across River Tweed from Abbotsford since 2005. Objections to this request have been made by Historical Scotland and the National Trust for Scotland. In addition, the Abbotsford Trust has made numerous objections citing the National Planning Framework and calling out specific false or incorrect information as presented by the developer.

As an international observer, I can only believe that the people of Scotland want to preserve and cherish this site for generations to come – and this includes views of the River Tweed from Abbotsford of the countryside not a housing development. Why discourage tourists? Why devalue a cultural icon? I strongly object to the AGAL029 Netherbarns development project.

Helen Burford

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