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Forward Planning
Council Headquarters
Newtown St Boswells
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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Development Site at Darnlee (ADARNO05)

Regarding the above proposed development, I wish to state my objections as follows:-

The impact of developing infill spaces in the village as there have already been developments at Gilroy Gardens, Waverley Gardens and Coatburn Green and feel this old, historic, interesting village should remain as a village with character and not have more further modern developments.

This would change the streetscape again and increase the traffic through the village which can be difficult at the moment on certain areas of Abbotsford Road.

A secondary option obviously being considered is to have an access off Broomilees Road this would create more difficulties with the narrowness of the road and to the exit onto Abbotsford Road which is already extremely difficult to negotiate especially with the increased traffic flow already due to the development of Gilroy Gardens and the parking at each side at the bottom of the road.

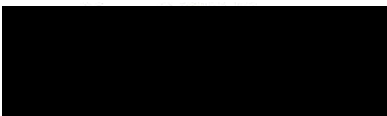
The loss of trees along the boundary with 'Big Shunters Wood' is surely something that should not be allowed when we hear so much about trees being crucial in helping with climate issues now and in the future with relation to carbon dioxide. They are also very important to the village as a wildlife habitat.

One of the green spaces left in the village is the wood just mentioned above which is extremely well used by villagers, in many different ways, and hope it would be deleted from LDP. There is the green space of 'Wee Shunters Wud' but this is very small.

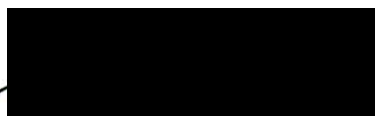
The proximity of the historic battlefield should also be considered.

The more houses allowed in the village would mean eventually the village would no longer be a village and become part of Melrose and Tweedbank because the more houses allowed at the moment means the possibility of more in the future.

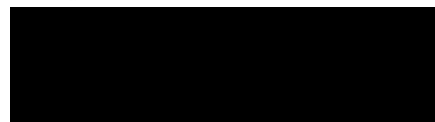
An increase in housing also puts more pressure on the infrastructure i.e. medical care, schooling, etc. which are already under extreme pressure



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