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21st January 2021

Dear Sirs,

Abbotsford Housing Plans.

I write to strongly object to
The proposed housing development on the
Tweed bank opposite Abbotsford House.

The plans seriously damage the
setting of this "A" listed building, its
curtilage and listed park.

Abbotsford House is a national
shrine and the focus of much of
the tourism in the Scottish Borders.
It may be said to be the goose that
lays the golden egg of Borders tourism
which supports many local businesses

To build a housing development
in full view of this year round listed
attraction will do permanent harm
and leave a legacy of disgrace

to the reputation of the 2021
Scottish Borders Council for all time
to come. To try to mollify the negative
impact of this scheme by a sop to
plant a few trees is derisory and an
affront to the Secretary of
State's "A" listing — a listing
which legally imposes a requirement
of respect and sensitivity to the
setting of an "A" listed structure.
The Borders Council have an
obligation to safeguard the wider
setting of an historic site.

Yours
faithfully,

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