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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 21 Jan 2021 11:15:22

To:

Subject: Re: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Kind regards
Alison Martin

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Of course. It is I [REDACTED] However, it is my family's links and legacy to Galashiels that made me want to write.

I wrote to object about the Netherbarns development because I know the Borders so well. My great grandfather [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Sculptors in 1881. This ran through three generations until my late uncle retired aged 80 in 1999 and died 4 years later.

My great grandfather carved the front of the Old Post Office in Channel Street Galashiels which is going to be part of the new home to The Tapestry of Scotland. He was also Provost 1913-1916 and oversaw Sir Robert Lorimer's Fountains Project in the centre of the town, opened in 1913.

He was also on the War Memorial Committee 1919-1925 and chose Lorimer to design the now famous War Memorial. My grandfather, [REDACTED] carved the Angel of Peace on it.

My grandfather's brother was [REDACTED] and was trained as an architect in Edinburgh before working in London then emigrating to Toronto. He came back to fight with the KOSBs in WWI and was killed at Arras on 9th April 1917.

My grandfather's son [REDACTED] fought in WWII and was killed on 28th March 1945. Both men are on the roll of honour on the War Memorial.

The George Sutherland and Sons' Galashiels and Hawick businesses carved nearly all the Border War Memorials and plus about 10,000 headstones in Border Cemeteries, including work for Abbotsford.

I have given illustrated lectures in Galashiels for The Old Gala Club and the Borders Heritage Festival.

So although I don't live in Galashiels, it and the surrounding area including Abbotsford are very dear to my heart.

Forgive the explanation - I thought it would help you to know why I am objecting from Perthshire!

Kind regards
Alison Martin.

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On 22 Jan 2021, at 11:50, localplan <localplan@scotborders.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Ms Martin

I'd be most grateful if you could provide details of your postal address for our records please?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
Planning Officer
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