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Sent: 21 January 2021 17:41
To: localplan
Subject: Objection to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Sir,

I write to OBJECT to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan to build 45 houses on the banks of the Tweed opposite Abbotsford.

As the house of the celebrated novelist Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832), designed by William Atkinson (c.1773-1839) and Edward Blore (1787-1879) and further extended by Scott's heirs in the mid nineteenth century to designs by William Burn (1789-1870), this is one of the most important houses of the Borders.

As well as its rich historic associations, Abbotsford is of great architectural significance as the first example of a house in the Baronial Revival style to draw on archaeologically correct details taken from Scottish castles and the country's vernacular tradition.

Clearly this proposal severely compromises the setting of this exceptional Category A listed building, contrary to all heritage guidance.

The proposed screen of trees would in no way protect this setting, nor the enjoyment of the many tourists, so the local economy would be compromised as tourist numbers drop.

I urge you to reject this application on grounds of harm to the setting of a Category A listed building and adverse effect on the local tourist industry,

Regards,

Richard Mawer

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21st January 2021