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We have sent this email with a letter attached to the above recipients to express our feelings regarding the proposed development in Eyemouth.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email and letter.

We trust and hope that you will be able to assist us and many other residents in Eyemouth by cancelling the proposed development and getting those making the decisions to listen to the views and opinions of the Eyemouth residents.

We look forward to hearing from you all, thanks, John & Alison Windram

John Windram,



21/01/2021

Forward Planning Team
Council Headquarters,
Newtown St. Boswells,
Scottish Borders.
TD6 0SA

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Local Development Plan LDP2

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to express our objection to your proposed continued inclusion of site **REYEM002** being designated as "redevelopment" in the new Local Development Plan (LDP2) which is currently being finalised. This site has been offered for housing development since the transfer of the Eyemouth High School to its new site at Gunsgreenhill in 2009. It is our opinion that there are other more suitable areas for housing development already identified on the LDP. More recently your proposed plans to develop a new Eyemouth Community Campus and a housing development there were met with fierce local opposition mainly on the grounds that this green area is hugely valued and much used recreationally by the Eyemouth community. This open space area has always been a haven for Eyemouth people of all ages and especially during this past year of the global pandemic. Indeed, Eyemouth Primary School children and more especially the children attending the Eyemouth Early Years Centre regularly access the grass and woodland area for outdoor activities and to learn about nature in a safe, open space.

Green spaces have never been more valuable to society as during this current global pandemic where people require such areas to help improve their mental and physical health and wellbeing by facilitating leisure and recreational activities, and as such these spaces are an essential part of the local landscape.

The designated "green spaces" for Eyemouth shown on SBC's current LDP are mainly river walks, woodland areas, a school rugby pitch and even an old cemetery (GSEYEM003). It is very clear that Eyemouth, unlike all the other Border towns, has no proper public recreational space or public park and the often-repeated argument that "you have a beach area for recreation" is futile considering its north facing aspect and the tidal nature.

Development on green space areas is totally ignoring the **Scottish Governments Planning Advice Note No 65 (2008)** which lays out the social, environmental, and economical values of such Open Spaces.

Any development on this site would also be in total contradiction to your own **Scottish Borders Green Space Strategy** which highlights the health and wellbeing benefits of green spaces and opposes any such Development Plans.

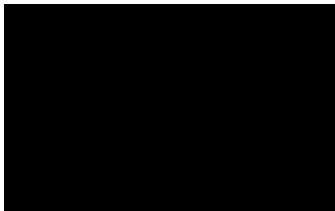
Eyemouth has been allocated approx. £200,000 as part of Scottish Borders Council's £5 million Playpark and Outdoor Community Spaces Programme, to be used for either upgrading existing playparks or the provision of a new Destination Park like recent builds at Coldstream, Kelso, Galashiels, and Hawick. This area would be an ideal site for a new Destination Park, and this could easily be part of the development of our new public town park.

We would therefore ask that this area (REYEM002) be redesignated as a Greenspace area on the new LDP2 plan and propose that you should in fact, respond to the wishes of the Eyemouth community by developing and enhancing this whole area as a valued multi- functional community public park which would then be in line with the existing parks in all the other Borders towns.

Yours faithfully,

John & Alison Windram

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Please ask for: Forward Planning Team
Telephone: 01835 825010
E-Mail: localplan@scotborders.gov.uk
Date: 2nd November 2020

Dear Owner/Lessee/ Occupier,

Scottish Borders Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan

This letter is a notification which informs you of Scottish Borders Council's intention to continue to allocate the site identified below in the Proposed Local Development Plan. The site is already identified in the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan adopted by the Council in May 2016. You have been sent this notification as your address is registered within 20 metres of the site identified below. **Please note as the site identified is an existing allocation within the Plan this letter is for information purposes only.**

Details of the site allocation are as follows:

Site code: REYEM002
Site area: 7.7 ha
Indicative site capacity: 90 units

Description of the allocation: Allocation for redevelopment opportunity.

Map of the existing allocation:



The Local Development Plan is produced by the Council and sets out a range of proposals for the Scottish Borders including a variety of land uses as well as policies to influence decision making on planning applications.

The Local Development Plan can be viewed online at www.scotborders.gov.uk/ldp2. The consultation period for the document is from 2 November 2020 until 25 January 2021.

Should you wish to make a representation in relation to any other part of the Local Development Plan, this can be done via the online consultation at the above link. Alternatively you can email localplan@scotborders.gov.uk or write to the Forward Planning Team, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, Scottish Borders, TD6 0SA. If you would like to see how we use or process any data you submit, our Privacy Notice can be viewed on the webpage above. If you require a hard copy of the Privacy Notice please contact us.

If you require any further information please contact the Forward Planning Team on 01835 825010.

Yours faithfully



Lead Officer, Forward Planning