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The Forward Planning Team
Corporate Improvement and Economy
Scottish Borders Council
Council Headquarters
NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS
TD6 0SA

Dear Sirs

**Scottish Borders Local Plan
(proposed for adoption)**

We write to make our written representation on behalf of our clients, Mr and Mrs Drummond of [REDACTED] to the proposed local plan in particular the settlement of Coldingham. We have reviewed the development boundary proposed for the village and believe that three fields identified as [REDACTED] within the attached plan could be suitable for development and we would like these to be considered for inclusion.

This land lies adjacent to the current development boundary and in particular site BCL12B 'The Firs'.

The subject land is currently agricultural land and has direct access to the public road. The fields are of good topography and are of a size which would allow for unrestricted development. Development of these fields could comprise low density housing affording space for garden grounds and amenity space including community garden and playing grounds which would be of significant benefit to the village. There is very little new housing stock in the area to meet the needs of local families and as the town is a popular tourist destination much of the existing housing stock is owned by people out with the area for use as a holiday or second home.

Smaller sites such as those currently proposed are less economically viable for developers and cannot offer a range of house types or a substantial area of garden ground/amenity space to meet the needs of the locality.

It is respectfully requested that these areas of land (or parts of these areas of land) are considered within the proposed local plan in order to ensure a steading supply of a range of house types for this area during the course of the next 10 years.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,



Sarah Mason
Senior Surveyor

