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Many thanks,

Ross.

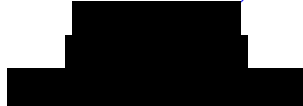
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Local Plan Response – 22 January 2021

**Land identified as Reference MINNE003 and described as Land West of Innerleithen with Indicative Capacity of 50 plus industrial use.**

I wish to record objections and concerns about any proposed development on this site.

Given that there are no rough sleepers in Innerleithen and we already have 150 plus houses earmarked on the slopes on Lee Pen (Kirklands), with little sign of any development in the foreseeable future, there is no real identified need for more housing, particularly on this site.

The site comprises of a former sand quarry; the field was known locally and named by the farmer as the Sand Hole. Part of the site includes a Roman encampment that ought to be under protection. I appreciate that 'protection' figures low in our planning system and facilitation of development gets priority but remaining, important historic sites should be kept free from development.

The site is also traversed by a long standing and well used Right of Way from Traquair Road through Cowford Court, crossing the Tweed Valley Railway Path, all the way to the river Tweed. This should be preserved as should the maintenance access for vehicles to the Tweed Valley Railway Path. This is the only vehicle access for maintenance equipment.

The therapeutic benefits of the panoramic view of the surrounding landscape from Health Centre, cannot be underestimated; this will be lost forever.

A vehicular connection to Angle Park from the A72 will result in significant traffic increase through an elderly and sheltered residential area, with that being the access to the Health Centre significant risk to elderly pedestrians will result. This should not be allowed.

A sense of rural place as seen from the Tweed Valley Railway Path will be lost by any building on this site with significant visual impact, and that will be detrimental to local assets, infrastructure and the economy.

Any future building of houses and business premises should be centred around Tweedbank where the railway has a terminal and not destroy the unspoiled assets of other areas of the Borders.

Ross McGinn.

