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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 January 2021 14:55  
**To:** localplan  
**Subject:** Proposed Business Park at Eshiels (BES1001)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Sirs we wish to record our strong objection to the proposed Business Park at Eshiels (BES1001) and its inclusion in the SBC Local Development Plan.

Eshiels is a cluster of residential units and farm buildings within a very rural setting with Glentress Forest the hub for many outdoor recreational activities which attracts local and visitors to the area for tourism and recreation. The local authority recycling centre located at the former gas works site at Eshiels is invisible from the main A72 trunk road.

The site identified for the proposed business park comprises 4.9 hectares of attractive green space surrounded on three sides by fields and by the A72 on the fourth side. It's location is 2 miles out of Peebles and would thus imply travel by car to work which would place additional pressure on an already busy road. The site slopes steeply to the North, has no public foul sewer and no vehicular access to the A72. The location is sensitive visually and its development would represent an urbanisation of the countryside in an attractive area of the Tweed valley. The proposed development is not compatible with nor respects the character of the surrounding area and represents unfortunate ribbon development along the important A72 trunk road.

We feel strongly that it would be preferable to develop existing brownfield locations for this proposed development rather than remove 4.9 hectares of green space. Suitable locations are available within Peebles at Cavalry Park, Rosetta Road and the March Street Mill where the development could be integrated with housing enabling workers to cycle or walk to their place of employment. A less preferred option would be to consider developing the considerable brownfield area of land associated with the recycling centre at Eshiels which could be developed in a visually non-intrusive way.

This is the first opportunity to comment on this proposal which was not included in the 2018 SBC Main Issues Report (MIR). We strongly urge the Council not to proceed with this proposal to develop a stand alone business park surrounded by fields in a very attractive and significant location in the Tweed Valley.

Yours faithfully

Roger and Elizabeth Trueman

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