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F.A.O. [REDACTED] 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 it’s 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 enjoyed by all. This space has provided local residents with an area to exercise and enjoy fresh air, promoting physical and mental good health, never more important than in a global pandemic. Eyemouth Primary School and early years children, including our own, regularly access the grass and woodland area for outdoor activities and to learn about nature in a safe, open space. They have continued to do so over the last year, keeping them safe and healthy and maintaining their feelings of identity with the school whilst unable to attend in these tough times.

As parents we feel strongly against the loss of this green space. Our and many other children and people of all ages, frequent this space for leisure, exercise and learning. The other outdoor spaces in the town are appreciated. But river and coastal areas have associated dangers for young children. The green space above is safe for all.

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. We and many others would rather see the above mentioned green space used to develop a multi purpose recreational space including the provision of an all inclusive play park.

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