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Subject: Objection to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan

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Dear local developers,

This is my second attempt at trying to object to the proposals for a housing development opposite the river from Abbotsford. I have looked at the various documents and see there has been substantial opposition to the plan but, notwithstanding, you still wish to go ahead with it.

Of course one appreciates the need for more housing, but then there are surely other places to build on. Of course one appreciates that assets must be used, but that view from Abbotsford is an important part of the experience for all visitors, local or those coming from all over the world. Hopefully these visitors will come in increasing numbers to pay homage to a great Scot and a remarkable man.

I have heard it said that certain people on the council are rather embarrassed about the local connection to Scott. I understand that an example of this is the naming of the local station, Tweedbank, rather than one of the many names could be pulled out to have some strong association with Scott. Abbotsford could have been one of them! I do hope that you will consider the weight of public opinion against this development and find some alternative to this unfortunate plan.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh Lockhart
Secretary, The Way of St Andrews