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Local Development Plan LDP2

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my 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.

1. The principal objection. Eyemouth needs a green space, suitable for being used as a park, and which is relatively central to all of Eyemouth. This space is the last appropriate space in Eyemouth. If houses are built on this site, finality, no central usable park for Eyemouth. There are other areas for building houses.

Fundamentally, the Eyemouth community has the same need for a green park space as all the other Borders towns, for the same reasons other towns have had parks created.

Additionally:

2. I support the need for Eyemouth to have a good replacement primary school for this site which is both robustly fit for purpose, now and for the future, having space to expand. The siting and orientation of the school and its external facilities should meet the educational needs of the primary school and not be compromised by playing second fiddle to housing, and its access infrastructure.

3. In existing draft plans, there is proposed provision for a complex to support the elderly. I support this in principle. The space allocated in the draft plans, in competition with the planned housing on the site, seemed insufficient for buildings, access and parking, with little scope to expand.

I support the firm community rejection of such plans aired at a well attended open air meeting in Eyemouth in 2020.

The Scottish Government Planning advice describes the social, environmental and economic values of such such open spaces. Commendably Scottish Borders Council has a Green Space Strategy and this is what is wholly worthy of being developed on this unique site for Eyemouth. Housing would significantly compromise this strategy.

Please amend the designation and plans to allow significant green space to allow a good park to be created with all the knock on advantages noted in Scottish Government and Scottish Borders planning strategies.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John Walker



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