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We would like to state an objection to the plan for a new housing estate - **AGALA029 Netherbarns** in the Local Development Plan -

While we fully understand the need for more housing in the Borders, this particular site is of great environmental, historic, cultural and tourist significance.

Abbotsford House, gardens and grounds is a major tourist venue in this part of the Borders, and its visitor numbers have increased markedly in the past few years with the new management, and new visitor centre, not to mention the advent of the Borders Railway and the many new visitors this has brought. And one of Abbotsford's chief delights is the riverside walk with it's wonderful views. The development you suggest, even if "screened" by a line of trees, would significantly detract from the experience of visiting the house and grounds, both as a purely visual and oral experience, and as being able to imagine yourself back in history, one of the prime reasons for going to such places.

We support the objection of the Abbotsford Trust, and ask that you reject this application.

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