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Dear [REDACTED]

Scott Park and New Galashiels Academy

I understand that Scottish Borders Council is currently developing its preferred option for the new Galashiels Academy, and if given planning consent, that this proposal will place the new campus within Scott Park.

Although I agree that the construction of a new school and associated sporting and community facilities would be of great benefit to Galashiels, I strongly oppose locating the campus within our park.

Scott Park is one of our few remaining open spaces in the town, which provides a safe and natural environment that is used widely by families and for a range of social events and sporting activities.

I insist that the Council develop an alternative option to their proposed plan that will make use of the existing seven hectare site to accommodate the new campus buildings and pitches. Council policies include reference to Key Greenspace and Scott Park is identified as such. The policy offers protection to these spaces and I would ask that the Council respect this policy and endeavour to deliver a new campus within the existing school grounds that sits alongside and in harmony with our park. I would like my objection to your proposal to build in Scott Park to be recorded.

Yours sincerely,

Kimberley Harrison

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