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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 January 2021 16:10  
**To:** localplan  
**Subject:** LDP Comment ANON-VDDE-RPTB-U

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Scottish Borders Council,

I submitted a comment regarding the proposed LDP online, ref. ANON-VDDE-RPTB-U. It included a typo, which makes quite difference to the comment.

I contacted [REDACTED], the Locality Development Co-ordinator, who suggests the best way to correct this is to send a new comment to you, which you will then be able to connect to the old one. I've posted the correct comment below, and would be grateful to know it reaches you and can be linked up as suggested by [REDACTED]

Many thanks,

Merlin

"I object to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan. I support the letter of objection to the developments plans at this site as set out by the AHSS date 13th January 2021. Furthermore, the plans will be hugely detrimental to Abbotsford, the jewel in the crown of the Borders. A thin screen of trees would be a pitifully inadequately attempt to hide the 45 houses that would make up the new development, indicative of a lamentably short-sighted attitude to the area's cultural heritage and international appeal. To build these houses would not only be an insult to the heritage and history of the Borders and Galashiels area specifically, it would also be a cultural embarrassment and financial stupidity. It would ruin a popular tourist destination and revenue source, which currently provides local people with free amenity, tranquility and access to natural splendor in the form of its grounds and views over the Tweed. To kill off the internationally acclaimed golden goose which is Abbotsford beggars belief - but that is what will transpire should these plans go ahead."

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RPTB-U

Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

Submitted on 2021-01-20 21:54:08

### About you

Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent?

Individual

### Individual

What is your name?

Individual name:

Merlin Lewis

What is your email address?

Individual Email:

[REDACTED]

What is your address?

Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

[REDACTED]

Address line 3:

Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

### Proposed Local Development Plan Menu

Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

### Comment on Sites in Settlements F to H

Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

I object to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in the Local Development Plan

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**What would you like to do now?**

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