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Dear SBC - Local Planning

I would like to submit a comment on proposal AGAL029 relating to the plans to develop ~45 dwellings at the Netherbarns site.

I believe that this is the wrong place to approve development, and while I acknowledge a need for more housing, I feel that this development risks a significant impact on the asset that is Abbotsford House. Key to this building is its situation / location with wonderful views & vistas across the Tweed, benefiting from a Westerly aspect looking towards the setting sun over the river, farm land and native woodlands. Any development in the area proposed would be like gluing a picture of a breeze block to the foreground of an Eighteenth Century Runciman landscape that hangs in the National Galleries - i don't think this would be allowed.

Recent works and significant cross party effort have increased Abbotsford's attraction with woodland walks and a hugely successful visitor centre that would be impacted by the unsightly views from a development. While new plantations / trees are cited in plans, they are unlikely to be sufficient to block out the view of new houses and are almost certainly not going to be effective all year round.

Abbotsford is a Scottish National Treasure and one of the top visitor attractions in the Borders; I therefore see little rationale in blotting the view which Sir Walter Scott imagined over 200 years ago. Please do not take a short-term view and ruin this area of key cultural history and beauty.

Thank you

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