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To: localplan
Subject: Housing development next to Abbotsford -

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Dear Sirs,
Ref: AGALA029

We write to object to the housing development being proposed for the Netherbarns site on the opposite bank of the Tweed from Abbotsford House.

It is the wrong location to build 45 new houses opposite an SSSI.

Abbotsford brings in excess of 50,000 visitors to the area boosting local businesses, jobs, families and the local economy. As well as Abbotsford House, the gardens and external settings offering woodland walks and access to the banks of the river Tweed, all of this will be ruined by this proposed development.

Over the last 15 years, Abbotsford has undergone a multimillion pound renovation which has resulted in visitors flocking from all over the world. We ourselves in 2019 had guests staying from New Zealand who spent time at Abbotsford and loved the tranquillity, landscape and all that the House and Gardens has to offer.

Sir Walter Scott was so inspired by the Scottish Borders landscape that he designed in each separate entity (the house, gardens, walks) to create the Abbotsford we have today, little changed in 200 years. He designed the woodland walks to enjoy the riverside surroundings and was forward thinking in buying the land opposite to save Abbotsford's setting.

You are considering to destroy Scott's vision. You now have the choice of thinking about the future economy and wellbeing of the Scottish Borders, whether locals enjoying the riverside walks at Abbotsford to the tourist taking the Waverley line to the home of Waverley... exactly what our Government tells us is so important in these present times of finding peace and relaxation in walking/exercising and staying well... Do you really want to destroy Abbotsford's unique position for the area which will be desperate for tourism after the Covid pandemic finishes.

By going ahead with this short sighted development, your decision will destroy forever something unique to the Borders.

Yours sincerely

James and Claire McCorquodale

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