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About: [AGALA029 Netherbarns housing development](#)

Madam, Sir,

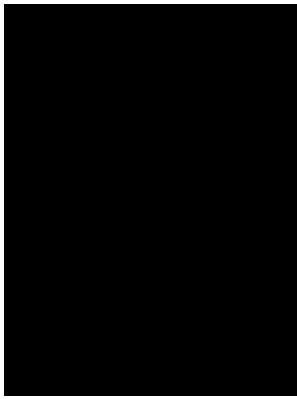
I strongly oppose the proposed building of houses on the banks of the River Tweed facing Abbotsford. My objections concern its destructive impact on this unique monument of the history of European Romanticism.

My first objection is the negative impact on the view from the house, which was famously enjoyed by Sir Walter Scott in his last days, and still is an invaluable asset to visitors of Abbotsford today, and should be forever safeguarded.

My second objection is the negative impact on the legacy of Walter Scott as a designer of a harmonious historical and natural landscape, integrating houses, gardens, forestry, and farming. 'At Abbotsford Scott assembled an extensive woodland estate (some 1400 acres) adapted to its setting beside the River Tweed and is among the most significant designed landscapes in Scotland.' (*Paths around Melrose*, p. 37, Scottish Borders Council). Scott welcomed visitors from all over the world to his house as well as to the estate, and the people of Melrose in particular. Currently the woodland paths around Abbotsford are being restored and open to the public all year round. Clearly, Scott's romantic idea of a Caledonian wood landscape extends beyond the strict boundaries of the estate itself, and embraces either side of the river. After all, Abbotsford is named after a river crossing.

The designation of the area as 'gardens and designed landscapes' in the local development plan (LDP, 2020, Policy maps, p. 184) reinforce my objections.

My wife and I, Inhabitants of [REDACTED], are members of the friends of Abbotsford, and we often take friends and family from abroad there for a visit. They would be shocked, just as we are, to see the setting of this internationally valued site harmed by this ill-conceived proposal, and we hope and expect the present consultation will lead to its cancellation.



On 14 Jan 2021, at 11:46, localplan <localplan@scotborders.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Thank you for taking the time to visit our consultation portal and entering your details. However, it has not been possible to register your submission to the Proposed Local Development Plan as your form was blank or contained insufficient detail in respect to your representation.

Please note that to register any submission, it is necessary to specify the part of the plan/policy/site that you are making representation to. Therefore if you are objecting to a site, it is necessary **to confirm the site by its site code or at least its name**. This will then allow for your submission to be properly registered.

If you would like to contribute to the process there is still time to do so. As you will be aware the representation period for the document is from 2 November 2020 until 25 January 2021. To assist with this process, you are welcome to submit your comments by replying to this email or by emailing localplan@scotborders.gov.uk.

Further information on the Proposed Local Development Plan can be viewed on the Scottish Borders Council website using the following link: www.scotborders.gov.uk/ldp2.

The Proposed Plan is split into two volumes, Volume 1 of the Proposed Plan contains the policies and can be viewed at the following link: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/7621/proposed_local_development_plan_volume_one (Please note you will need to click on the download now tab and open the pdf document).

Volume 2 of the document contains the settlement profiles and can be viewed at: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/7622/proposed_local_development_plan_volume_two

Once you have navigated yourself to this page, you will be required to click on the download now tab and as with volume 1 above, then open the pdf document. You will then need to scroll through the document to the settlement profile for the settlement that you are interested in. There you will find further information on the sites and the site requirements set out in the plan.

Only comments directly related to the Proposed Local Development Plan will be assessed. Any other comments will be placed on file and if required, passed on to the appropriate department for reference.

If you require any further information please contact the Forward Planning Team on 01835 825010.

Yours sincerely

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