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wish to register an objection to the above proposal in the Borders Local Development Plan.

This proposal, if implemented, would damage the views from irreparably Abbotsford all year round and detrimentally impact my enjoyment, and that of other visitors, of Abbotsford, which is a unique cultural and historic site. Local tourism would suffer as a result and Abbotsford and the Borders would be devalued in consequence. The LDP 2 incorrectly states that the proposed development will not be visible from Abbotsford: the mature trees currently in place (on which this statement depends in relation to summer months) will fall naturally over time and open up lines of sight. The LDP also states that Abbotsford is closed in winter (i.e. when trees are not in leaf) – that statement is untrue as the visitor centre and grounds are open all year round, and the House itself is open in December.

The reputation and credibility of Borders Council as supporters of Borders culture, heritage, tourism and civility will be lost if this proposal is allowed to proceed. I restate my objection to the proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns and urge Borders Council to reject it.

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