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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Mon, 25 Jan 2021 11:36:46 +0000Authentication

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Objection to AGALA029 Netherbarns

**Sensitivity:** Normal

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Good morning Mr Orde

Many thanks for taking the time to view the plans and making a submission to the proposed Local Development Plan. I have passed on your representation to be acknowledged and registered

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 24 January 2021 22:53

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: Objection to AGALA029 Netherbarns

Hello [REDACTED]

Another Netherbarns objection to add to your collection

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cllr for Kelso & District

Executive Member for Enhancing the Built Environment and Natural Heritage

Depute Leader, Scottish Borders Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 10:51:26 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Objection to AGALA029 Netherbarns

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for contacting me with regard to the proposal to include the Netherbarns site in the new Local Development Plan. I note that you are objecting to the proposal and will forward your email to the team who are handling the consultation process.

With best wishes for a better 2021 than the previous 12 months

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 10:02:43 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Objection to AGALA029 Netherbarns

CAUTION: External Email

Hello [REDACTED]

I trust you're well in these continued times of strife. It's bizarre to think it's been almost 12 months since the covid crisis first came to being!

I'm contacting you today on behalf of Gill Orde In Catering t/a The Orde Food Company, its Directors and owners, to lodge an official objection to the proposed development AGALA029 at Netherbarns. This development will have an everlasting effect on the landscape and more importantly destroy part of the legacy of a great local man - Sir Walter Scott.

The importance of Abbotsford, and the legacy of Sir Walter Scott, is of great importance to not only The Scottish Borders, but Scotland and the UK as a whole. The man had innumerable works of significance, and whilst it may seem trivial to the modern day housing developer, the views from his windows across the Tweed were a massive part of this. Authors may leave their mark on paper, but their inspiration is drawn from the world around them. Had Sir Walter been looking at a housing estate each day I doubt his expansive themes could have been so vastly explored.

The issue we face is that the impact of culture cannot be physically touched - it is felt inside. It inspires. Visitors from all across the world come to Abbotsford and look out the windows across the hough to the Tweed and oak trees beyond. They immediately feel connected to the place they are in and the history it holds. They feel the history and what Sir Walter felt. Having 45 homes imposed on this view will destroy any sense of place.

Along with the negative cultural and aesthetical impact, there will be a financial impact too. Given all that has happened economically in the last year the last thing Abbotsford needs is another outside force impacting on the visitor numbers. Given the precarious state of the tourism and hospitality sector the financial impact this development would have has to be addressed.

I could go on about a multitude of other reasons why this development should not happen, but many others have done that. The cultural and financial impact on the Abbotsford Trust and the legacy of Sir Walter Scott needs to be the primary concern for the council. I am certain that if this was to happen in Ayrshire, The Lake District or Stratford Upon Avon the local councils would protect the integrity of their historic and cultural sites with vigour. I only hope that the Scottish Borders Council has the fortitude to do the same.

Kind regards

Christian Orde  
Director

The Orde Food Company  
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