


27 January 2021

Forward Planning
Planning Department
Scottish Borders Council
DX 556981
NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS

Dear Sirs

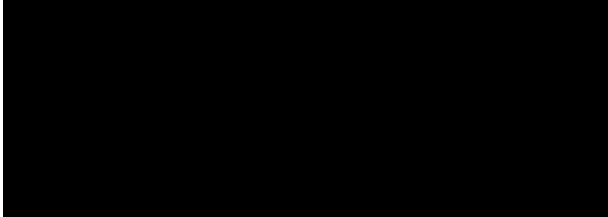
Local Development Plan

In connection with the current Development Plan out for consultation Melrose Community Council  discussed the plan in so far as it affects Melrose at their meeting last week.

With regard to the proposed site at St Mary's Road, Melrose the Council is concerned that the existing wall should be retained as far as possible. This is mentioned in the proposed development plan but the Council is concerned that the access to the site might require a considerable part of the wall to be demolished to improve access to the proposed development site. It is assumed that the existing access would be used to access all properties on the development and that each would not have its own access directly from St Mary's Road. The District Council would not be in favour of direct access to each plot.

Concern was also expressed regarding the proposed development site at Broomilees Road, Darnick – site reference (ADARN005). Development of the site would have a considerable negative impact on the access to Darnick from the north at Waverley Road. The village has had considerable development in the last few years and is now in danger of being over-developed. The roadways through Darnick are narrow and already suffered a degree of heavy traffic. Access to Broomilees Road is poor and additional traffic on Broomilees Road would only exacerbate the existing difficulties with the junction onto Abbotsford Road, the main road through Darnick. If this site was to proceed considerable repair would be required to provide adequate shielding and the design of the properties would need to reflect the existing village.

Yours faithfully



William J Windram