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Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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About you

Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent?

Individual

Individual

What is your name?

Individual name:

Graham Ovens

What is your email address?

Individual Email:

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What is your address?

Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

[REDACTED]

Address line 3:

Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

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Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

Comment on Sites in Settlements F to H

Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: GSGALA009: Gala Policies: Greenspace

What are your comments regarding this site?:

As a woodland and wildlife enthusiast, I would like to express my earnest wish that the woodlands adjoining Galashiels, known as Gala Policies, should be protected from any incursion for development purposes - be that housing, roads, retail, or commercial - and the Policies be retained as amenity woodland, for community use.

Gala Policies are a valuable amenity for all members of the Galashiels & environs community, but also constitute a reserve for wildlife, providing a range of woodland and wetland habitats and ecosystems - which should be seen as irreplaceable - in the sense that re-creating these biodiverse habitats would take many hundreds of years.

These woodland and wetland habitats have gradually developed and evolved over hundreds, possibly thousands of years, as habitat conditions, and food chains, have slowly increased in complexity and in biodiversity - possibly ongoing since the last Ice Age, around 10,000 years ago. This very gradual increase in biological diversity is the reason that makes the Gala Policies special, of great scientific interest, an attractive location for walkers and wildlife enthusiasts, and

biologically irreplaceable.

What would you like to do now?

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