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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to lodge my objection to the proposed inclusion of site BESHI001 in the LDP on the following policy points:

Special Landscape Areas Policy EP 5 (page 114)

The aim of this SBC policy is to ensure that local areas of identified landscape quality, known as Special Landscape Areas (SLA) are afforded adequate protection against inappropriate development and that the potential maintenance and enhancement of the SLA is provided for (para 1.1).

The proposed development (BESHI001) is located within the Tweed Valley SLA in its entirety. It should never be suggested as a possible business park as this totally contradicts SBC's own stated policy to avoid developments within SLAs. It is clear that this proposed business park in the Tweed Valley SLA is completely out of place; it is incongruous and totally out of character. It adds to the urbanisation of the countryside and ribbon development of the Tweed Valley between Peebles and Walkerburn. It should be rejected by definition according to SBC's own policy.

Protection of Greenspace EP 11 (page 130)

BESHI001 would totally threaten the greenspace within the Eshiels and Glentress area and would be visually detrimental and obvious to anyone travelling along the A72, the B7062 or as is very popular, to walk/cycle the various trails that run along both sides of the Tweed Valley, activities that SBC and the Glentress Master Plan wish to encourage.

In summary and to illustrate my objections above, I attach 2 photos. The "before" photo was taken this past weekend and highlights the beauty of the Tweed Valley towards Peebles in the west. During my walk, I encountered several people who were simply standing enjoying the spectacular views! In contrast, the "after" photo has been mocked up to illustrate the negative visual impact on the scene of a business park being located as per BESH001. I used an image of an industrial unit as seen in Cavalry park, Peebles. I'm pretty sure that the same people - on seeing *this* outlook - would have very different and nowhere near as complimentary opinions.

We have a beautiful place here and while I don't want to block expansion of the town or inhibit future business growth, the location has to be right. Put simply, for this type of development, BESH001 is not it.

Regards

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