

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RA2F-E

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:

Matthew Maclver

What is your email address?

Individual Email:

[REDACTED]

What is your address?

Address line 1:

2 [REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

Address line 3:

Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

### Proposed Local Development Plan Menu

Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

### Comment on Introductory Chapters or Appendices

Which Introductory Chapter or Appendix are you commenting on?

Context or Appendix:

6. Planning for Housing (P 27-28)

What are your comments regarding this Introductory Chapter or Appendix?:

I am writing to object to proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns in your Local Development Plan. I find it difficult to understand why there should be any housing development that could compromise the view from Abbotsford. That is exactly what the building of 45 houses opposite Abbotsford will do. Scott, Abbotsford, the view to the Tweed - these are an integral part of our cultural history in Scotland.

I am not a Borderer. Nevertheless, I represent a group for whom Sir Walter Scott is such a significant historical figure and for whom Abbotsford is so important. I write as a former Rector of the [REDACTED]. The school is the oldest school in Scotland and many of its former pupils have shaped the country in which we live. Sir Walter Scott is not only one of those but the best known. I have visited Abbotsford as have so many pupils of the school over the years. Scott's bust sits proudly in the foyer of the school and every pupil who passes through the school is aware of his contribution to our national history.

In his biography of Scott, John Buchan sums him up by saying that he has what Stevenson found in Dostoevsky, a "lovely goodness". Let's make sure that the "lovely goodness" of the view from Abbotsford is not spoiled in any way whatsoever.

What would you like to do now?

