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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:

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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: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

We have severe concerns regarding access into the site. As residents of Abbotsview Drive, we already experience difficulties exiting on to A7 at peak times in morning and evening. Additional housing would exacerbate this issue.

We question whether the infrastructure in the surrounding area can support additional housing - eg schools, drainage systems, local shops,

The tree line verging Boleside Road is extremely mature and thinning, this means that any housing is and will be clearly visible from Abbotsford House all year round.

Boleside is currently an important fishing area, bringing many tourists to our area. Building houses on the proposed site would have a detrimental impact on fishing through noise pollution.

In addition, this is one of the more scenic areas of the industrial town of Galashiels. The Lockdown brought about during the Covid pandemic has illustrated how popular and valued this area is as a place to get back to nature, with families and people of all ages enjoying the countryside along Boleside. There are many potential opportunities for further promoting this area as a place to enjoy nature, enhancing the tourism and leisure provision currently available in the town. Building houses here would spoil any opportunities to sustain and improve the natural environment for both residents and visitors alike.

What would you like to do now?

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