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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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Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

[REDACTED]

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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 A to E

Which Site are you commenting on?

Site A to E:

Darnick: ADARN005: Land south of Darnlee: Housing

What are your comments regarding this Site?:

I would like to object to the designation of this area for development:

1. Darnick has had several housing development sin recent years and is now in danger of being overdeveloped, losing its character and increasing issues caused by road traffic. Broomilees Road is narrow and does not have pavements, so increased traffic could affect pedestrian safety. The junction with Abbotsford Road also has issues with parked cars, with increased traffic adding to road safety concerns at this junction.

2. The propose development would require the destruction of established mature trees, a haven for wildlife, and also important in today's climate crisis. The council should be preserving trees not encouraging destruction.

3. Darnlee is a listed building in the village conservation area and stands at the entrance to the village. It's status and importance as a historic building is enhanced by its setting in the parkland. To remove half of the parkland would destroy the setting and undermine the cultural significance of the property and the

ancestors of the [REDACTED] family.

4. The Covid pandemic has highlighted the need for people to be able to move around safely for exercise and enjoy green spaces. While Darnlee is private land it still has an aesthetic value as open green space. However, the community woodland has come into its own during the pandemic and has become a vital place for villagers, many elderly, to walk safely. Reference to future development of land to the west of Darnlee is presumed to reference the woodlands and must be removed before this too becomes a target for housing in future plans.

What would you like to do now?

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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?:

I object to the proposed development of this land due to the detrimental effect it will have on Abbotsford, the historic home of Sir Walter Scott. A major part of the attraction to visitors is the setting of Abbotsford and the ability to walk its grounds and see it as Scott saw it.

Abbotsford is an important cultural asset for the Scottish Borders, providing employment, community projects and volunteering opportunities for many local people. It is a major visitor attraction - possibly the biggest attraction in the Borders - and draws visitors, and their money, to the region. Anything which reduces its appeal could detrimentally affect its value to the region.

I accept that housing is needed in the region, but Galashiels has other areas that could be developed and brown field sites that would benefit from investment. Developing land that will detrimentally affect one of the region's most important cultural assets is unnecessary.

In the year of the 250th anniversary of Sir Walter Scott's birth, when the eyes of the nation and the world are focussed on Abbotsford, it would be totally inappropriate to be taking steps to devalue its status & worth to the Scottish Borders.

What would you like to do now?

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