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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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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)

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Which Site are you commenting on?

Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: GSGALA010: Scott Park: Greenspace

What are your comments regarding this site?:

I am really concerned about the lack of consultation on the new school. I was only made aware of this when I noticed posters for the anti campaign and I think that, given the scale of the development and the effect on the local area, it would have been better to actively ask people in the area for their opinions and thoughts. I think people completely understand the need for more teaching space and are totally sympathetic but you never seem to genuinely ask for opinions and then listen and then see what can be done to make people feel that they have been listened to. This area is well used by people and is very much part of Galashiels. I am not opposed to a new school being built on the site but the new development seems to be large and includes various new sports pitches. Great in theory but will they have to be commercially viable and, if so, have residents been asked whether they are prepared to tolerate the extra traffic and disturbance that could bring? I certainly haven't. Personally, I would also like assurances that the land liberated round the area of the old entrance and school buildings will be turned back over to nature and will not be earmarked for further development. I think a lot of people are worried about that. My other concern is about how the build is to be funded. I, like many other people, think that the PFI type model has proven itself to be expensive and problematic. Again, no consultation on that aspect of the new development. I hope my comments arrive in time and thanks for listening.

Chris.

What would you like to do now?

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