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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:
M. Rutherfoord

What is your email address?

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What is your address?

Address line 1:
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Address line 2 :

Address line 3:

Town / city:
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Postcode:
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What is your contact telephone 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?:
I object to proposal 'AGALA029 Netherbarns' in the latest 'Scottish Borders Local Development Plan'.

I was horrified to learn that the latest version of the PLDP proposes to permit housing development in the Netherbarns-area on the West-bank of Tweed, opposite to Abbotsford. This area was shown as specifically excluded from development in the 2016 LDP Plan; why the proposed change ?

The Abbotsford-estate remains an oasis of peaceful green-environment, yet close to Galashiels, with multiple walks open to the public, with historic connections to Scott's creative-vision; and with historic unspoilt views across the river from the House and the meadow.
The property is a magnet for many thousands of visitors every year from UK and across the World; visitors who provide £millions of income for the locality, and local employment for the area. This year is the 250th anniversary celebration of Scott's birth (albeit subject to Covid restrictions), and yet, seemingly, instead of maximising this opportunity, SBC now proposes to permit housing development to despoil the appearance of the West-bank opposite the House, to the detriment of this historic heritage-property.

I object to this proposal.

What would you like to do now?

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