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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:

Sandra Mackenzie

What is your email address?

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What is your address?

Address line 1:

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[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)

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 believe the proposed development of Netherbarns will have a negative impact on the outlook from the entire Abbotsford site. The tree screening currently in place is insufficient to provide cover for housing. It is also inaccurate to state that Abbotsford is closed during the winter months as the Visitor Centre, cafe and estate remain open throughout the year. The Abbotsford site has seen a large increase in visitor footfall since the redevelopment project completed in 2013 and the path redevelopment project completed in 2018. I am concerned that the proposed development will encroach on Scott's carefully planned outlook and setting and undermine the trust's efforts to preserve, promote and share this unique place and Scott's legacy with as many people as possible. I am responsible for the Trust's learning and community development programmes. We have successfully engaged with learners of all ages and many local residents through volunteering over the last 10 years. I understand development can be positive in the right setting but this development is inappropriate and can only have a negative impact on the trust's ability to tell Scott's story, support local people through our community engagement work and be the economic driver that the Borders needs.

What would you like to do now?

