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Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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Settlements F to H:

Galashiels: AGALA029: Netherbarns: Housing

What are your comments regarding this site?:

We would like to object to the proposed housing allocation at Netherbarns. In our view, this would substantially detract from the significance of Abbotsford House, and its nationally designated Inventory Garden & Designed Landscape. As the creation of Walter Scott, an internationally important literary figure and himself a champion of Scottish landscapes, we believe the environs of Abbotsford House should be sensitively conserved.

We consider that converting the green field land at Netherbarns to housing will cause irreparable damage to the quality of this landscape, and that adjustments for housing density or attempts at screening will not alleviate the impact.

We have also written a letter to the Head of Planning setting out our objection in greater detail, including how the social and economic value of Abbotsford House, and its surrounding landscape, are recognised in a number of Scottish Borders planning documents.

What would you like to do now?

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