

## Response ID ANON-VDDE-RA1Z-1

Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**  
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### About you

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### Proposed Local Development Plan Menu

Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

### Comment on Policies

Which Policy are you commenting on?

**Policy:**  
Policy ED4 Core Activity Areas in Town Centres

**What are your comments regarding this Policy?:**

Policy ED4 states, "Community and cultural facilities could be supported in exceptional circumstances". These types of uses contribute towards the vitality and viability of town centres, helping to draw in additional footfall which further supports other town centre businesses and minimises vacancies. It is not clear therefore why they would only be supported in 'exceptional' circumstances as this would seem counterintuitive to supporting the plan's wider objectives. We would further advocate revision of policy to protect cultural facilities from loss and inappropriate development which could harm their function.

**What would you like to do now?**

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