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I live in Peebles. I was troubled by the population figure in the heading. This has been taken from the 2011 census, not a good starting point for a document which looks forward from 2021. National Record of Scotland estimate changes to 2019 of Peebles +7.4%, Hawick -3.4%, Selkirk -4.8%, significant changes. See <https://www.citypopulation.de/php/uk-scotland.php?adm2id=S12000026>

This will have increased further in Peebles owing to new house completions already in the pipeline, with obvious effects on parking for example as new homes are built further away from the centre.

Development plans seem to focus largely on housing, and there is local anxiety that such areas as education and healthcare provision will fail to keep up, perhaps because of out of date population assumptions. It is surely always better to be approximately right than precisely wrong!

It would be better if increased housing was linked to increased local job opportunities, which has not been the case in recent decades, making Peebles much more of a dormitory town. As a priority there should be a focus on finding out (Borders-wide) what is required to attract vibrant businesses with high paying jobs to locate here.

More specifically in SPEEB005 Peebles east (south of river) there is a suggestion that employment land could come forward early. Does this mean before a bridge is built, in which case I would argue that it should not be the kind of industrial development that generates significant traffic, particularly of heavy goods vehicles.

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