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Subject: Scottish Borders Proposed Local Development Plan

Dear Sir/Madam, please see below an additional comment from sportscotland.

In relation to Policy EP5: Special Landscape Areas, sportscotland recommends that the policy should make reference to the range of qualities that a SLA has been designated for. It is clear from the SPG that SLAs are designated for a range of landscape qualities, including their value for sport and recreation. As currently worded the policy does not make this clear and we are concerned that the focus of this policy could be interpreted as impact on scenic and visual qualities alone. sportscotland suggests that the first sentence of the policy be reworded to state

In assessing proposals for development that may affect SLAs the Council will seek to safeguard scenic quality and the range of qualities for which SLAs have been designated and as defined in their respective statements of importance.

Thank you.

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