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To: localplan
Subject: scottish borders local development plan

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2013 notifying me, in connection with the consultation period on the draft local plan, of the Council's intention to continue to allocate Site RY4B in Town Yetholm for residential development with a capacity of 18 units. It raises a question which suggests that the continued designation may not only be of interest to those within 20 m of the site boundary, as your letter implies.

When I bought my property on Morebattle Road last year I was aware of this designation. But no-one then could tell me (and the question is not – as far as I can tell – addressed in the draft local plan) whether the existing sewage treatment infrastructure has the capacity to deal with the sewage from 18 further units, especially if the other site allocated for residential development in Town Yetholm had already been developed – as would be logical, given its proximity to the existing treatment plant. If not, I should be grateful to know how the allocation can be given effect without ensuring adequate infrastructure, given the constraints on locating new plant – a sewage treatment plant at each end of the village? - or even the cost of increasing the capacity of the present plant. Perhaps I have missed something.

Yours sincerely,

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