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**From:** Blundell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 March 2014 13:32  
**To:** localplan  
**Subject:** Ettrick (Hopehouse) Mini planning brief

Dear Sir/Madam.

I object to the above planning brief on the grounds that:

1. Totally out of character with the existing community. i.e. The type of housing and the number of houses proposed which would also require street lights, this is a superb, but unrecognised, dark sky area.
2. Why would anyone requiring affordable housing choose to live nearly 20 miles from any possible employment. Have you seen the price of fuel?
3. Anyone wishing to work from home or have a craft or engineering workshop at home would probably not choose "affordable" housing.
4. The roads are not maintained to a standard to accommodate increased flow of traffic.
5. No mobile phone, D.A.B. or terrestrial coverage.
6. Very slow broadband, unsuitable for business use.
7. Water supply and sewage could be a problem.
8. This would entail building on a floodplain, not that it suffers from flooding at the present, but it will reduce the natural ground seepage causing further problems downstream.
9. Existing affordable housing for sale in the area has proved difficult to sell.

Yours faithfully

J.K.Blundell

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