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Subject: Representation by Mr W Thomson re Caberston Farm, Walkerburn
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Dear Sir

Please find attached a letter of representation in respect of the Scottish Borders LDP Proposed Plan on behalf of Mr Thomson the owner of Caberston Farm, Walkerburn.

A signed copy is in the post. I look forward to receiving confirmation of its receipt and of further progress of the LDP.

Kind regards

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Dear Sir

SCOTTISH BORDERS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PROPOSED PLAN CABERSTON FARM, WALKERBURN - REPRESENTATION BY MR W THOMSON

I am writing on behalf of Mr W Thomson, the owner of Caberston Farm, in support of the allocation of his land in Walkerburn in the LDP Proposed Plan. This comprises :

- i) the land and farm buildings adjacent to the A72 which form part of the regeneration initiative for the Village Core (site ref zR200), and
- ii) the two areas of land identified for new housing development in the fields rising to the north of the Village Core (site refs TW200 and AWALK005).

The Caberston land provides the opportunity to achieve the dual objectives of a revitalised village centre and new housing investment in Walkerburn, and the prospect of delivering these objectives is enhanced by being in the same ownership.

The same land was allocated in the current Local Plan (2008) and, whilst development has been frustrated by the economic conditions in recent years, we consider it is in the interests of the village to continue the allocation, particularly with the anticipated upturn in market interest.

Mr Thomson continues to discuss the opportunity with interested parties and looks forward to positive change being delivered for Walkerburn in partnership with Scottish Borders Council.

To provide added focus for the regeneration initiative and to reflect the importance of this to the village, we suggest due reference is included in the Table under Policy ED5.

Should the housing market recover as hoped there is added opportunity for Walkerburn to benefit from investment by safeguarding additional housing land for development. Appropriate land is available for further expansion with the field directly north of AWALK005 and we therefore suggest allowance is made for this land to be safeguarded

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under Policy HD4.

Reference was made to this possibility in the text of the 2008 Local Plan and reinstatement would provide flexibility for Walkerburn to respond to potential market change in the long period of time up to 2032 which the LDP covers.

Yours sincerely

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Director

