

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 January 2019 16:07
To: localplan <localplan@scotborders.gov.uk>
Subject: Eshiels planning development ...

Good afternoon,

I would like to strongly object to the above planning development in and around Eshiels Holding, Peebles.

It beggars belief that this site is even being considered it's so out of keeping with the area. I've holidayed around Peebles since I was a child and just love that the area is unspoilt and Peebles itself is so unique, in fact I loved the area so much that my family and I have a holiday cottage there that we also rent out. So I look at the area through a tourist's eyes and a housing estate/light industrial units right in the Tweed Valley would have a catastrophic impact on such a lovely area ... Ok you can say Cardrona Village is a housing estate in the Tweed Valley but Cardrona is on flat ground so doesn't have a huge impact on the scenery as much.

Peebles was and still is a tourist destination (I am living proof) do you want visitors' first impression on the approach through the Tweed Valley into Peebles of houses and light industrial units going up the side of the hill ??? Please visit the area and see it through a tourist's eyes and you will realise what a special place it is and needs protecting from the GREEDY DEVELOPERS. Because if Peebles loses tourism it will be just another town people drive through to get to Edinburgh and the Highlands. You the council may take for granted what stunning scenery surrounds you ..

Eshiels itself is a charming little community that embraced us turning an old ruin into a holiday home and in the last few years one property now does bed and breakfast, one the steadings is an air B & B and now there's plans to develop a further steading into a home and holiday cottage so tourism is on the up and up which I know Scottish Borders Council want to promote and this development would swallow up the Eshiels Holdings.

Since we brought the rundown ruin that had been for sale for two years prior and redeveloped it 5 years ago, Glentworth mountain biking has taken off, and is celebrated all over Britain for its spectacular biking in the heart of the Tweed valley and having a huge development would have such a negative effect on families, mountain bikers and hikers visiting Glentworth to escape from it all.. they don't want to look down or up on an urban sprawl. They come to get away from it all. Peace and quiet will be GONE, Peebles dark sky's GONE !!!!!


Millions have been invested in the Tweed Bank railway line surely it's common sense to build more houses there and it would help their local economy it gets more like a ghost town every time we visit, let's face it Galashiels is not a tourist hotspot and I don't mean that in a detrimental

Way every town has its place and over developing Peebles runs the risk of ruining it for future generation to enjoy . Also Penicuik is area close to Edinburgh for work that needs a bit of rejuvenation.

You've been entrusted with the safe keeping of this beautiful area, please think very carefully on the suggested plans for Eshiels.

I thank you for your time reading my concerns and hope you make the right decision for all..

Kind Regards.



This e-mail is confidential and may be privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify us immediately and then delete it. You should not copy it or use it for any purpose, nor disclose its contents to any other person.

Unless explicitly stated, this email does not form part of any contract.