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To: localplan <localplan@scotborders.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Scottish Borders LDP2

I have been told that this is the right email address to lodge a complaint and opinion about the local plan.

I live in Whitehaugh Park, on the South Side of Peebles, and have to put up with all of the traffic coming through the high street over the bridge to drop off and pick up kids at the high school. This would get much worse if you build hundreds of houses on the North side of the river. There has been discussion for years about getting another bridge, and yet you are still looking to build hundreds of houses in Peebles.

Peebles can't cope with the pressure. We are not a suburb of Edinburgh but we are being treated as one. Why is Borders Council having to pay for more services to build houses for people who are going to drive in and out of Edinburgh every day, clogging up a busy road, adding petrol fumes, and not spending any money in the local economy. Are you going to be building a new school, new sewage treatment, and new Doctors to go along with it?

Peebles is full. There is no capacity at the schools. The doctors are overstretched, with waiting times going up and up. The roads are nose to tail at rush hour.

We want tourists in Peebles, and houses that are actually IN Peebles, not 3-4 miles away like Cardrona, built for commuters, who if they have to get in their car anyway to access shops and services, will just keep going to Edinburgh even in their leisure time, not spending money in Peebles or contributing to the community.

We are not likely to get those tourists if you tarmac over Glentress.

Please, stop trying to turn Peebles into another Livingston. Cardrona was enough. Let us keep a sense of what makes Peebles special.

Thank you for taking the time to read,

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