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Organisation:

[REDACTED]

Name:

[REDACTED]

Job title:

[REDACTED]

Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2:

Address line 3:

Town/city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Vision aims and spatial strategy

Question 1

Q1 Agree aims LDP2:

Yes the broad aims are acceptable.

Growing our economy

Question 2

Q2:

No particular comment.

Q2 upload:

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Question 3

Settlement business allocated:

Upload Q3:

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Question 4

Business Use Towns:

Any additional land for business use would best be located south of Kelso adjoining the industrial estate at Pinnaclehill Park.

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Question 5

Land delivery effectively:

Question 6

Agree?:

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Planning for housing

Question 7

Housing agree?:

██████████ considers that Ancrum should be taken forward as a Preferred Site. Further supporting information is being provided by our agents ██████████ on this aspect of the MIR Consultation.

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Question 8

Housing countryside:

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Question 9

Agree removed housing :

Supporting our town centres

Question 10

Core Activity Areas:

Question 11

Berwickshire supermarket:

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Question 12

Develp contrib town:

Delivering sustainability and climate change agenda

Question 13

Support alternative option:

Question 14

National park:

██████████ does not support the proposal for a National Park within the Scottish Borders.

Those campaigning for a Scottish Borders National Park claim that evidence from other NPs demonstrates that a NP will create business opportunities by encouraging more visitors. The experience of those operating land based businesses within the Cairngorms NP does not support this claim. The aims of the NP

which are defined in legislation tend to diminish economic and social development in favour of landscape and environmental interests. Sustainable development should be at the core of local government policy and the Roxburghe Estates considers that NP status is not the best means of delivering this.

Currently the Cairngorms NP costs approx. £5m pa. This is then expressed in its accounts as "Net Expenditure" of £4m. Spending by sector is as follows:

Conservation £656k (16%)
Visitor Experience £597k (15%)
Rural planning and development £1,597k (40%)
Corporate Services £890k (22%)
Communications £299k (7%)

The level of spending shows that only a very small proportion of spending is directed towards tourism. Most money is spent on planning and administrative activities. The high proportion of expenditure on planning issues is believed to impact significantly on land management operations. [REDACTED] maintains that existing planning designations and policies in the Scottish Borders are sufficient to protect the region's unique landscape and designation of NP status to part of the Scottish Borders is not required. Farming, sporting and tourism are key sectors of economic activity which could be disadvantaged by the additional regulation and restrictions imposed by a NPA.

[REDACTED] fully supports the Borderlands initiative in encouraging enterprise and commercial activity and this is considered a more effective means of delivering sustainable economic development across the Region than a National Park with its principal aims focused on planning and conservation.

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Regeneration

Question 15

Agree redevelopment:

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Settlement Map

Question 16

Oxnam settlement:

Question 17

Core frontage Newcastleton:

Planning policy issues

Question 18

Agree amendments appendix3:

Any other comments

Question 19

Other main issues:

Landowner details

Have you submitted any site suggestions in this consultation?

Yes

If yes, please confirm the site and provide the landowner details (if known) for each site you have suggested.:

[REDACTED] owns the Alternative Site of [REDACTED] which it has proposed should be classed as a Preferred Site not an Alternative Site.