#### SCOTTISH BORDERS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

## INNERLEITHEN.

# KIRKLANDS/WILLOWBANK 11.

## SITE CODE – AINNE004.

We moved to live at **Example 1** in April 2019. Our home is immediately adjacent to the field at the southern edge of the proposed development. The development will significantly affect the amenity, degree of privacy and open aspect we currently enjoy, as well as the long term market value of our home.

We have not previously seen the plans for the proposed development, and this is our first opportunity to comment.

# STRUCTURE, PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE.

We are relieved to note that the field immediately adjacent to the full length of the back of our home is designated amenity ground for native trees and shrubs. This will mitigate, to a minor extent, the major development starting approximately 26 metres from our back fence.

The boundary between the field and the rest of the development is a broken down dry stone wall with a dilapidated gate. The proposed plan states that walls will be repaired. There is no comment in the plan regarding access from the development to the amenity development.

# PERSONAL POINTS FOR CLARIFICATION.

- 1. Will there be access from the housing development into the amenity area?
- 2. If so, what will be the nature of the access an adequately drained tarmac or well maintained and drained hardcore track? Will the track joint the proposed foot path to Wells Brae?
- 3. What measures will in place and enforced to prevent dog fouling?
- 4. Will the home owners at 4, 5 and 6 Millwell Park be offered advice and help with ensuring there is no encroachment on their properties? The current fence is inadequate.
- 5. What will be the style of housing adjacent to the boundary wall of the field?

#### GENERAL COMMENTS.

The combined proposed housing developments in Innerleithen will significantly alter the character of the town and place a massive burden of the community's infrastructure.

The increased traffic will further exacerbate the current problems with the flow of traffic through the High Street [A72] and Leithen Road [B709], aggravated by inadequate parking. This is especially so at weekends.

The welcome influx of mountain bikers to Innerleithen is spoilt and embarrasses the community because of the inadequate provision of public toilets.

The school, shops, water supply, sewerage and power will be strained beyond safe levels without a massive spend on these basic facilities.

Donald and Lucile Macleod.

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.