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#### Netherbarns site ref AGALA029 Netherbarns 7.3Ha

This development was previously rejected at a planning enquiry, and it is very disappointing to see it reappear in the local plan. The arguments which led to its rejection are equally relevant now. The proposed development would seriously blight the setting for Abbotsford House which is currently very successful and popular with locals and tourists alike.

Low density expensive housing will do little to fill the housing targets while causing maximum damage to this historic landscape.

# Newtown St Boswells. Site ref. ANEWT005. Newtown Expansion area 58 ha

This looks like over development. Where are all the occupants of the 900 houses going to work, shop, go to school etc? The development appears to be for commuters but the connections to the Borders railway are poor and it's a long way to Edinburgh up the already busy A68. I note that not all the existing housing allocations in the last local plan have been taken up.

# BNEWT001 Tweed horizons expansion. 13.9 Ha

Additionally I think it is a mistake to site the new business park on land adjacent to Tweed horizons. This is on the undeveloped east side of the A 68, an area of high landscape value adjacent to the Tweed SSSI and Bowden burn.

The road presently acts as a convenient boundary and there is an abundance of choice to the west of it which could be allocated for industry.

# Earlston. Site ref. SEARL006, Georgefield East, 59.9 ha

The possible large development at Georgefield will have a big impact on the town. Is this the best place for housing in the central Borders if better public transport is not available?

### Cardrona. Site ref SCARD002 Land at Nether Horsburgh 23.8 Ha

I do not approve of the further expansion of this dormitory settlement and particularly object to provisional inclusion of the haugh fields of Nether Horsburgh on some of the best agricultural land in the area.

This proposal to extend Cardrona to the north side of the A72 and across the river from the current settlement would be very damaging to this very beautiful part of the Tweed valley where tourism is of considerable importance.

As the settlement has very few facilities further expansion of the housing would mean a considerable increase in traffic as residents travelled to work, schools and shops etc.

Allocating more housing land around Peebles would be difficult but it would be a much better option than expanding Cardrona.

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