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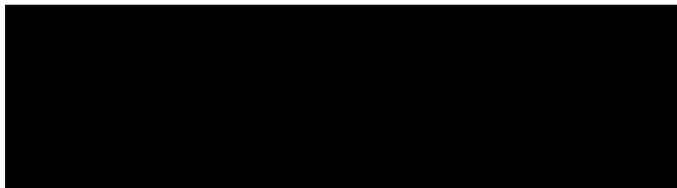
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposal to build new Galashiels Community Campus on part of Scott Park

I was shocked when I read about the proposal to build the new school at the western edge of Scott Park. This is one of the few green spaces in the town, and it is much loved and much used. I do not live in Galashiels, but visit it when I am in town for a walk into the Policies and I see families and single people enjoying the space. In this year which is highlighting climate change, the natural environment and biodiversity, to be destroying another green space plus the trees, seems to be contrary to everything we need to be doing. In addition at this time of an epidemic when the importance of having a green space near where one lives has become even more crucial, it is going against all we have learnt. There has been much talk about the need to "do things differently" as a result of what we have experienced due to Covid, yet here we have SBC choosing the old way i.e. the most destructive way. Scott Park should be considered sacrosanct including the very beautiful trees it contains. I hope therefore you may reconsider your proposal and go back to one of the original sites chosen, namely the existing 7 hectare school site to accommodate the new campus building and pitches. Let us see that in real and tangible ways SBC is about protecting the natural environment.

Yours faithfully,



Patrick Copsey