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Submitted to Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan Submitted on 2021-01-11 18:37:50 About you Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent? Individual Individual What is your name? Individual name: Hugh Salvesen What is your email address? Individual Email: What is your address? Address line 1: Address line 2: Address line 3: Town / city: Postcode: What is your contact telephone number? Contact number: **Proposed Local Development Plan Menu** Where would you like to go? Submit your response to the consultation (Exit) Comment on Sites in Settlements A to E Which Site are you commenting on? Site A to E: What are your comments regarding this Site?: What would you like to do now? Proposed Local Development Plan Menu (includes Exit option) Comment on Sites in Settlements F to H

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I am a Scottish Blue Badge tourist guide. I take visitors to Abbotsford House frequently. I therefore wish to associate myself with the objections raised by the Abbotsford Trust to the proposal to build 45 houses on the riverbank opposite Abbotsford House. I am not satisfied that the Plan's proposal to screen the new houses by planting trees will offset adequately the damage which this development will do to one of Scotland's most important tourist attractions and a precious part of Scotland's cultural heritage. The visitor and job numbers supplied by the Abbotsford Trust speak for themselves.

This is the view which Sir Walter saw as he lay dying in his dining room in 1832. We need to protect it. Please put these houses somewhere else. Thank you.

What would you like to do now?

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