From:

Sent: To: Subject: 13 January 2021 20:07 localplan LDH Hollybush Development

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a resident of Galashiels and lover of Gala Policies I strongly object to a road going through or adjacent to the Policies. It would have a huge impact from an environmental point of view and it would spoil a beautiful tranquil place. My running group uses it, I regularly walk there, my children made dens there growing up and it is a beloved place to many. From an environmental point of view I do not believe we should be developing green spaces with a wide diversity of life. We share this world with plants and animals and are its keepers - we should exercise our responsibilities when decisions need to be made. On a more general theme, I genuinely do not understand why more housing cannot be developed on brown field sites within Galashiels and other towns or villages. In addition, other towns in the UK are leading the way with housing developments without parking (roads kept to a minimum) and set up for walking and cycling. We should be looking to the future and thinking ahead to 10, 20 years and beyond when the car will no longer be king. I cycle, I would live in such a place. Excuse the diversion but it is worth considering.

I hope you will take my opinions into consideration.

Kind regards, Mrs Angela Laidlaw

Sent from my iPhone