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**Dear Planners** 

Having just returned from a walk in our beautiful Community Woodland, I feel I must express my anxieties

about your wording in the recent local development plan. I quote; 'there is the potential in the longer term to

expand the village to the west of Darnlee'.( This refers to the proposed development at Darnlee, but also

thinking ahead?)

The community woodland has been planted and nurtured over the last 20 years and plays a big part in local

people's physical and mental well-being. It has seating, a shelter, some beautiful trees- now maturing well, and

many bird boxes.

Over the time we have lived here, it has grown and developed significantly, with fruit trees now, and burgeoning

wildlife.

Different groups have worked in the woodland to prune trees , lay paths etc and this year it has been looking

magnificent- a godsend during Covid restrictions.

It would be good to have some clarity on the situation with the Borders Forest Trust. Green spaces become

more and more important- not least to combat climate change.

Best wishes,

Hester Potts