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Proposal AGALA029 Netherbarns

Abbotsford House is not just a historic house, it is also built and designed within a landscape, including the views across the river, as seen and experienced by Walter Scott when he built his 'baronial manor'.

The proposal to build 45 houses is in direct conflict with the overall commitment to recognising the contribution of the cultural heritage on the economy - and Abbotsford is a key part of that.

The suggestion that the houses will not be visible during the summer months is not accurate, in that the trees will take many years to grow, and even when grown they will naturally fall or be felled creating sight lines. Also Abbotsford is not closed in the winter, so that statement in your proposal is inaccurate. In December 2020 there were 13,000 visits to Abbotsford registered in the people counter on the.

Abbotsford brings many visitors to this part of the borders, both in terms of visiting the house and grounds, but also in relation to environmental visits, walks, and cycling.

Plus Walter Scott is an internationally celebrated writer and important to tourism not only within the UK but also internationally within the wider Scott clan and communities, with Abbotsford a much treasured and valued part of that. Please don't so seriously undermine the beauty of this important historic site.

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