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AGALA029 Netherbarns

I am writing to state my opposition to the above planning proposal.

I have known and loved Abbotsford since I was a child and a visit never fails to thrill and inspire. My latest visit was in 2019.

The beauty of Abbotsford in its setting must be preserved for future generations as Scott intended.

The building of 45 houses or such as planned is detrimental to that intention.

In no way will the planting of trees mitigate the damage caused. They will take years to mature and will not constitute an acceptable "screen". Interfering with the view in that way would be unnatural and artificial.

Abbotsford's first class visitor centre and estate are open to visitors all year round. Artificial lights from a housing development in the Aurtumn and Winter months will have a negative impact on the visitor experience.

Not all visitors will be familiar will Scott's literary achievments, but all can appreciate Scott's stunning legacy in house, gardens and estate.

As we celebrate Scott's 250th Anniversary in 2021/2022, it is particularly objectionable to contemplate this development going ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Watson (Mrs)