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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objection to the plans as outlined in AGALA029 Netherbarns

Since moving to the Scottish Borders four years ago I consider myself to be hugely fortunate to live in an area of such outstanding beauty with wonderful scenic outlooks. The many walks in and around the Galashiels district are a delight and I make use of them regularly. A particular favourite is the grounds and pathways at Abbotsford where the trustees are to be commended in creating a very user friendly experience.

I understand that formerly Abbotsford was a summer only attraction but following the relaying of pathways this is now a year round attraction and is used by a larger number of visitors and members.

It is a particular delight to be able to walk alongside the banks of the River Tweed and to sit in quiet contemplation on one of the many benches looking over the Tweed to the far side where invariably one can see heron, the occasional barn owl and listen to mallards and woodpeckers among many other birds.

Looking at the proposed plans for Netherbank I consider that this will be a visual intrusion and have a considerable detrimental effect on the outlook from Abbotsford. It will spoil an area of considerable natural beauty and it is for this reason that I wish to object.

I'm sure it has been said many times before but it is somewhat ironic that this discussion is taking place in the year of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott who I'm certain would have some choice personal words of objection were he alive.

Yours sincerely John Myles

