Archived: 19 January 2021 19:23:18 From: Sent: Tue, 19 Jan 2021 17:14:35 +0000ARC To: Subject: LDP2 Objection : Eshiels Business Park Sensitivity: Normal

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Please find attached my objection to the proposed Business Park at Eshiels.

Regards, Martin Jowett Martin Jowett

To: Scottish Borders Planning

I am writing in response to the Local Development Plan 2 and specifically the Business Park proposed for Eshiels (Volume 2– Settlement Profile, **Eshiels** Page 323, 324 & 325)

I object to the proposal on the following grounds: -

- 1) Eshiels is within a designated Special Landscape area and the inclusion of a Industrial park on one of the main routes in to Peebles will impact tourism and the jobs associated with tourism
- 2) Creation of a large paved area increases flood risk and reduces safety on the A72. It would also increase flood risk to properties opposite the site
- 3) There is already an industrial site opposite the proposed site (where the Eshiels Recycling Centre is located). The location already has road access and services and is a better option for development
- 4) Building a business park outside of Peebles away from any suitable workforce would increase commuting traffic. A better, greener, solution more aligned to the climate emergency would be to use of the many available brownfield sites in Peebles itself
- 5) The land is steeply sloped in one corner would be expensive to convert. In my opinion, not a good use of my taxes and flatter sites that are cheaper to convert should be considered ahead of this one
- 6) Finally, I do not believe the Council has followed due process to consult residents about this development in the proper manner

Regards,

Martin Jowett