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Dear Committee Members:

I am Canadian, hopefully you will consider my opinion as a Tourist of Scotland; and, also having ancestors from Scotland. As an aside, I am the very proud owner of one of Sir Walter Scott's famous Dandie Dinmont Terriers. I believe Sir Walter also had Dandies as he wrote about them in one of his novels "Guy Mannering". The President of our Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of Canada has spent a lifetime (inherited from her mother) to preserve the purity of the Dandie Dinmont and has encouraged many breeders in other countries. Scotland's Dandie Dinmont is world renown thanks to

This is my concern

I understand a Plan is in discussion (AGALAO29) to build housing units across from Abbotsford Mansion. Please do not destroy this natural beauty which will uproot plants and wildlife and most importantly obscure the stunning ambiance of Abbotsford and Gardens. The land enhances the view and esthetics and Architecture of this magnificent estate. The beautiful scenery will be lost forever. The years of history and care will be forsaken.

You cannot reverse what has been destroyed for "progress".

Sir Walter Scott, your own wonderful Poet and Novelist would be aghast and ashamed that his structure would be defaced by the Twenty-first century. Land is so very important and so precious.

Living here in Canada I have seen too many estate lands and properties razed in order to build "modern" buildings. A great mistake. Have you considered the consequences - more roads, sidewalks, traffic, congestion, parking problems and many more local residents and massive destruction to the environment, all for progress. Please, do not set a precedent. The beauty of your country is at stake. Do not believe this development will encourage visitors to Abbotsford, far from it. The Scottish heritage of Abbotsford and so many years long ago and the history all depend on the land staying pure.

Respectfully submitted

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