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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached, the representation we have prepared relating to our client's land in Gattonside.

The site is shared with that of Planning Permission 19/01753/PPP.

We would be grateful for confirmation of receipt.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Ruaraidh

Ruaraidh Thompson Planner



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Scottish Borders Council Forward Planning Team Council Headquarters Newtown St Boswells Melrose TD6 0SA

22 January 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

# REPRESENTATIONS TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 (PERIOD 2021-2026) – PROPOSED PLAN CONSULTATION

## Introduction

Ferguson Planning has been instructed by prepare a representation to the consultation currently being conducted by Scottish Borders Council upon the Proposed Local Development Plan (PLDP2).

interest relates primarily to their land lying north and east of Tweed Lodge, Gattonside, which is identified on the appended Location Plan. Planning Permission 19/01753/PPP approved a new dwelling on-site on 12 March 2020. Subsequently, the approved development was lawfully initiated on 16 November 2020.

# Site Details

The site is located on land mostly enclosed by the south-east of the Development Boundary defined for Gattonside. The Development Boundary bisects the site, as shown on the attached plan. The approved dwelling and all built form are to be erected within the Development Boundary. This arrangement is underpinned by the functional logic of obtaining vehicle access to the dwelling and garage directly from the surfaced access track and delivering improvements in amenity by setting development back from the boundary shared with **Boundary** Our clients are keen to retain the backland of their plot as residential garden for their own private use.

## **Opportunity**

The existing Development Boundary is not fixed to any physical features on-site. Condition 8 of Planning Permission 19/01753/PPP requires that the boundaries of the

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application site are treated and defined to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority. This represents an opportunity to establish an appropriate boundary to the developed area of Gattonside and shall represent a far more befitting feature upon which to define the Development Boundary.

The impact in planning terms of the approved development was actively considered by the appointed Planning Officer in Report of Handling 19/01753/PPP. The full extract from the Report has been copied below:

"The section of site to the south, garden ground, would be outwith the Development Boundary, within the area designated as Countryside Around Towns and on land designated as prime quality agricultural land. This area is within the field margins and clearly not of prime quality and so policy ED10 is not undermined in this case. The built development itself would not stray beyond the defined Development Boundary, and enclosing this southern area of the field as garden ground would not conflict with the objectives of policy EP6. Approving this development presents an opportunity to reinforce this boundary, consolidating the existing arrangement of buildings and agricultural land in a more formal manner, tying in with the field boundary immediately to the north. It is accepted that the development does not strictly comply with policy EP6, however, it does not significantly undermine the policy objectives."

Although have subsequently purchased the site from the successful Applicants, they do fully agree with the assessment of the appointed Planning Officer. It is both our position and that of the Development Management team that the area which we propose to move inside the Development Boundary is surplus to agricultural requirements and makes no meaningful contribution to the character or quality of the countryside around Gattonside.

## **Conclusion**

We consider that the Development Boundary for Gattonside should be revised in Local Development Plan 2 to enclose the site. The erection of a new dwelling has been approved and lawfully initiated. A detached dwelling will stand upon the site before long, entirely independent of the LDP process.

A plan of the site AT3419-L(-1)110 showing the existing Development Boundary and the proposed revision in relation to the approved dwelling has been submitted to assist in considering the suggested revision.

It is considered that sufficient information has been included to enable the Planning

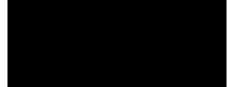






Authority to revise the Development Boundary for Gattonside. If you require anything further then please do not hesitate to contact Ruaraidh Thompson or Tim Ferguson.

**Yours Sincerely** 



**Ferguson Planning** 

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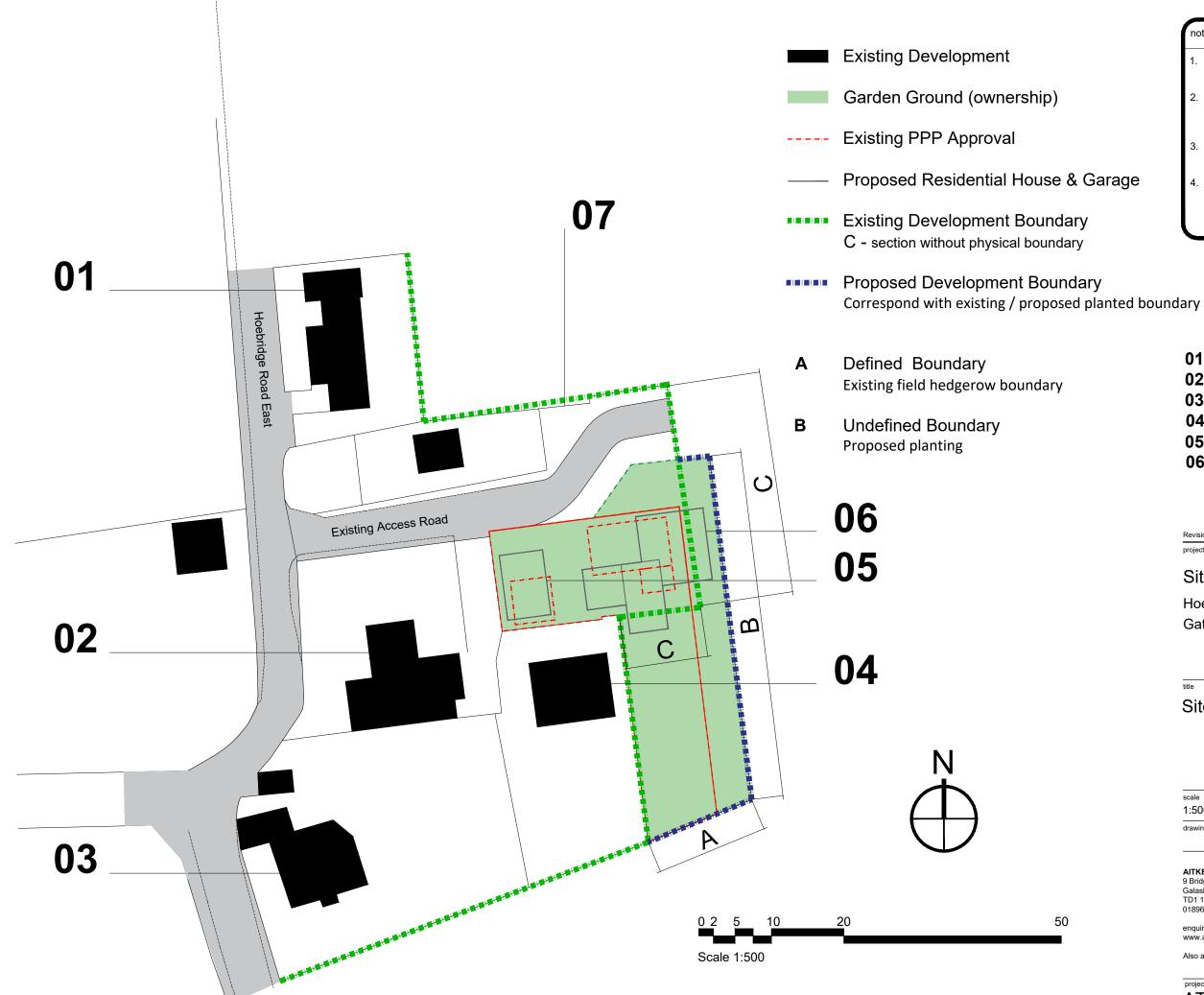
**APPENDIX 1** Supporting Plans

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- Cedarwood Bank 01
- Hoebridge Inn 02
- 03 Ashtrees
- Tweed Lodge 04
- Proposed Garage 05
- Proposed Residential House 06

Revision project

AT3419

By Chk

# Site North East of Tweed Lodge

# Hoebridge Road East Gattonside

Description

Site Plan scale size date drawn 1:500 A3 drawing status AITKEN TURNBULL ARCHITECTS 9 Bridge Place Galashiels TD1 1SN 01896 752760 enquiries@aitken-turnbull.co.uk www.aitken-turnbull.co.uk Aitken Turnbul Also at Edinburgh & Dumfries Architects Since 1887 project no. drawing no. revision

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