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Dear Sir
Please find attached our letter in relation to the consultation for the
Local Development Plan -- SINNE001.

Many thanks

Chris and Lynne Kalman

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Chief Planning and Housing Officer
Scottish Borders Council

20 Jan 2021

Dear Sir

Re: Allocation for longer term residential development

Site code: SINNE001

Site area: 7.6 ha

Thank you for the recent communication from your department in relation Scottish Borders Council's intention to continue to include the above site in its proposed development plan.

As residents of Kirklands community next to the proposal and residents of Innerleithen, we are truly thankful that as yet no builders have been linked to take forward construction and would wish to restate our very clear objections to the plan.

These objections can be divided into 3 areas;

1. relating to immediate building on the proposed land with the major impact this would have on our residents.
2. the impact and consequences of SINNE001 and with the neighbouring proposed developments, on the immediate impacts on the local area of Leithen road
3. finally the impact of Innerleithen as a whole.

Looking first of the site itself, you will be aware from fellow council staff of the major drainage issues which impact on the existing homes in Kirklands. There have been significant flooding and water issues from the area of SINNE001, which despite drainage works still determines our own greenhouse and part of the garden are under water for some of the year. We have been told on a number of occasions by your own flooding department of the total impracticality of building on SINNE011, and the potential disaster on drainage and water from the plot for our own home.

SINNIE001 is part of a wider area of new build in the Development Plan that would construct many new homes. All of these with their cars will need to enter and leave

the new estates via Leithen road. The volume of traffic and people is considered to be totally beyond the capacity of Leithen rd and of course given the existing buildings and width of pavement with road there is no capacity for improvement to this situation.

Finally the new Development Plan with a huge number of homes would not only transform Innerleithen but also extend the need for more services in Schooling, medicine and infra structure. Such a development plan would require infra structure development on a massive scale to allow the necessary support to all residents, both existing and those moving to the new homes.

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Thank you allowing us the opportunity to express our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Chris and Lynne Kalman