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Submitted to **Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan**

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About you

Are you responding as an: individual, group / organisation, agent?

Individual

Individual

What is your name?

Individual name:

Charlene Forrest

What is your email address?

Individual Email:

[REDACTED]

What is your address?

Address line 1:

[REDACTED]

Address line 2 :

[REDACTED]

Address line 3:

Town / city:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

What is your contact telephone number?

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Proposed Local Development Plan Menu

Where would you like to go?

Submit your response to the consultation (Exit)

Comment on Sites in Settlements A to E

Which Site are you commenting on?

Site A to E:

Eshiel: BESHI001: Land at Eshiel: Business and Industrial

What are your comments regarding this Site?:

We are a part of the objection submitted by [REDACTED] the Eshiel Community Group.. As we are in the property which would be sharing a boundary wall with the proposed development, we felt it absolutely necessary to submit our own objection as this effects us directly. There was no proper consultation carried out with anyone in the area and due process was not carried out at all. It feels a bit like taking advantage of the current pandemic to forgo the usual process and try sneak it in under the radar. The site has been considered for development in the past as part of the LDP2 Main Issues Report (MIR), and was deleted for very good reasons. Which is why it is ridiculous to consider the same area for another type of development as the same issues which resulted in it not being suitable still remain.

- The land owner was never consulted either time and is not prepared to sell
- It is in the Tweed Valley Special Landscape Area, and would look out of place. The area relies heavily on tourism with Glentress nearby and the attraction of green rolling hills and forestry scenes, and adding a development in close proximity would have a negative impact. There are also biodiversity issues with regards to wildlife such as bats, badgers and breeding birds.

- There are also Historical sites that meant development was unable to be taken forward such as the Roman Camp further along and a possible prehistoric burial ground which have been brought up in the past.
- The field in being considered has terrible drainage. With the exception of when there's a heatwave, there is always a puddle of water in the field. When it rains or when snow melts, there is always flooding without fail. On several occasions this has resulted in our garden flooding and the foundations under our house. The ditch to take away the water from the field runs along the outside of our back garden and then turns to come through the inside edge of our garden before going under the main road. Everytime there is heavy rain fall, the inadequate drainage also results in the main road flooding over both carriageways and has caused a few crashes. One of which resulted in the telephone pole being knocked over leaving us without any landline or internet for several weeks.
- A great deal of infrastructure works would need to be completed before the site could be considered by a potential developer, with no guarantee of development and at great expense to the council. Which could be considered not to be the best use of public funds considering the financial constraints with the ongoing global pandemic. There is no waste water system in Eshiel and a considerable amount of work would have to be carried out to put an entrance on to the busy main road to name but a few.
- It is quite a ridiculous place to consider putting a business park as it is outside of the main town of Peebles, the main road is unsafe where cars speed well above the 50MPH limit. There have been several accidents taken place in recent years, one of which resulted in a fatality. There was even an accident as recently as the week before Christmas due to a speeding driver. There is no suitable footpath for increased foot traffic. The existing path isn't wide enough in most places for people coming towards each other to safely pass by without someone having to step on to the road. The bus stop position results in buses blocking a whole lane when dropping/picking up. Anyone travelling to and from the site would have to do so by car and would add to the volume of traffic passing by.
- There are currently other business and industrial parks in the town of Peebles, one of which is only at about 50% capacity. Both have the potential for further development thus keeping business in the town where it would be easier for people to either walk, cycle or use the town service bus to travel to.

What would you like to do now?

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Comment on Sites in Settlements P to Z

Which Site are you commenting on?

Sites P-Z:

What are your comments regarding this Site? :

What would you like to do now?

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