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Hi

My strong complaints towards the planning process is not personally directed towards you or lan .It is directed at the whole committee . You really need to take a good look at your selves as OTHERS see you . Planning was heavily involved with The Dump area Coopersknowe and Melrose gait .The supermarket Development . All on my doorstep. I know what I am looking at . I have over the last few years objected about much of what you will see in my photographic evidence . My letter is will researched and well justified . Many others agree with this comprehensive explanation of my (our) opinion on this thorny and controversial matter and many more will when it is published . I am sure the planners can do a lot better to deal with these matters which are close to my heart .

Best regards Tom Douglas

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Forward Planning

Proposed Local Development Plan committee .

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Ref Head above the parapet 15.1.2021

Dear Committee.

The rules are stacked against well meaning objectors .I am of the depressing opinion that this letter will be worthless . You will say that its' not about the proposed plan' so ignore what it depicts ,or as I have been told before" yours is the only objection Mr Douglas ".

What I am really objecting to is the procedure , principals and ethics that have been used in the recent past and trying to inject a modicum conscience and consideration and consistency into the future plan to prevent the mediocratic disasters of the past few decades continuing. It is plane to see if you care to open your eyes on what you have allowed to be created.

1 You have a trunk road (a7) I gave it a small 'a 'as it lost its trunk status and we were promised a structural upgrade to make up for the very poor replacement for a double track freight and passenger carrying railway to Carlisle or Berwick from Edinburgh . The main a7 road North South is reduced to 20 mph and runs through the middle of the towns . Do you call that progress ,and you as planners is that what you take pride in and tell us you are making a good job of what you are doing ?? I think not !! The a 68 is not much better .

The vehicles on the new roads will be electric and climate friendly, eventually !!

So don't give me that environmental clap trap argument .

2 The destruction of the historic built heritage in the planners name of progress . I suppose Tesco had you over a barrel on that as you fell over backwards to give them all they needed to suck more money away from local traders . That hasn't lasted long as their promises evaporate into the reality of what you have let happen .

3 This insatiable appetite to build social houses cheek to Jowell with private houses and as a special treat and bonus, we will shove them right next to a Regional recycling plant and an aggregate recycling plant which in turn takes place on top of an ex unregulated toxic emission leaching land fill on top of a porous land structure now contaminated with the rotting contents of the yesteryear land fill . I watched all sorts going into that landfill .

Brilliant planning something to crow about there !. I was at that planning application were

The chairman was pushed out of the way by the SBC's Legal representative and the application passed . To a full but stunned gallery. Utterly shocking . I was told while going into the meeting that 'The big guns are here 'This is a done deal YOU have no chance to have this one refused , It will be pushed through regardless. He was right .The system is rotten to the core . Oh!! I forgot to mention the C77 access road

I'm dealing with principals here . I don't think you really care at all about the aesthetic look of the areas you have ruined ,or bother about the considerations of the locals . What you tell us is just lip service . Tourists come her to look at the stuff you have had nothing to do with ,and fortunately there is still some good stuff left . Friend of ours were shocked and disgusted that the tour buss took them to the Tesco car park . What the hell is that all about

The central Borders will never competitively thrive holistically until we get quality transport connections . North South and East West to connect us with the rest of the UK . Every thing produced, built or manufactured here has to be brought in or taken out by road If you haven't noticed !! Our transport links to the central Borders are a national disgrace . It is the negligence and the incompetence of the SBC planners and the rest of our authoritarian elite who should impress on Government to improve the situation and give us the chance to compete with the rest of the country.

Our representatives haven't got what it takes to impress on Government what it is that we need . That is probably because they simply can not see it as they have never been in business and simply don't understand ,and can not be bothered to do the work it would take to persuade the Government . Again it is glaringly obvious .

I would have liked to have been involved in Border development politics but unfortunately Keeping my farming business account on the black side of red to be able to remain here has been quite a task . I have a bit more time now but I'm over 70 and lost that youthful spark . But I can still chirp from the side lines about our industrial and social decline .

I have some acquaintances wo have been denied planning applications on the grounds of one complaint from a troublesome neighbour and the whim of a senior planner and other plans approved after thousands of objections being ignored. Lets get some consistency into your work ethic

I haven't got an army of consultants to make up for my ignorance in the occupation I am employed to conduct or have a legal team to cover up defend and frighten off any reasonable objections from the marginalised local public to some of the crass ideas and developments put forward by the SBC. Or have a mountain of seemingly endless borrowed public money which to draw on to fulfil the blinkered and ill-considered agenda . Neither can I appoint a quango of spongers and consultants from elsewhere to dictate and advise me what I should be doing next and cover up my inadequacies until I get my retirement bonus after having been signed off due to stress . If you can't stand the heat

get out the kitchen .

I dread to think what else is going to be ruined and what eyesores are going to be built and what industry is going to be left in the central Borders in 20 years time if you don't wake up to what you have allowed to be done in the last 20 years . Kind regards Tom Douglas







