

ASP/LAH 28th February 2014

Director of Environment & Infrastructure SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL Council Headquarters Newtown St. Boswells Melrose TD6 0SA

Dear Sirs,

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL : PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SITE AGALA027 - EXTENSION OF BIRKS AVENUE, GALASHIELS

Further to our attached letter of 12th June 2012 I would like to extend our thanks to Scottish Borders Council for including the above site extending to 4.4 hectares with a capacity for 20 dwelling houses in the proposed Local Plan.

The inclusion of this site is much appreciated and welcomed by Tweed Homes and we look forward to advancing site activity as soon as development finance becomes available to our company.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew S. Pearson

Managing Director



Our ref: ASP/ELD

12th June 2012

Director of Environment & Infrastructure Scottish Borders Council Council Headquarters Newtown St Boswells TD6 0SA

For the attention of Trish Connelly

Dear Sirs,

SCOTTISH BORDERS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAIN ISSUES REPORT SITE AGALA027 – EXTENSION OF BIRKS AVENUE, GALASHIELS

I am pleased to learn that Scottish Borders Council has recognised the potential of the above site for residential development.

In view of the very low level of new home starts and completions in the Galashiels area as a consequence of the effects of the Credit Crunch which commenced in 2008 and its likely continuation for several years, we would be grateful if the Council could upgrade the "alternate" status of the site in the Main Issues Report to a site allocated for housing development in any amendments to the Local Plan.

Tweed Homes is a local based homebuilding company which does not hold a significant land bank so this site could be commenced promptly and become an effective allocation of housing land.

The Main Issues Report also identified a clear requirement for structural landscaping around the boundaries of the site and we agree that this is a correct and essential approach to developing the site.

In terms of housing numbers, we also believe that 20-24 units is a realistic level of development for this site.

Yours faithfully

10.00

Andrew S Pearson

Managing Director



