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14 03 03 Proposed Plan Representation

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Sent by email: localplan@scotborders.gov.uk

Dear Sirs

## Scottish Borders Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan Consultation

We write on behalf of our client Mr Graham Thomas in relation to land within his ownership at Gattonside. The land was promoted to the Main Issues Report consultation (Ref AGATT011 North of Montgomery Terrace).

We note that the site has not been considered appropriate for housing development at this stage, with the Proposed Plan instead maintaining the current allocation at 'The Orchard' and at 'St Aidans'. We believe that it is necessary to identify further housing allocations at Gattonside on a strategic timescale, ensuring continued investment in to the village. The land to the North of Montgomery Terrace provides a good opportunity for this.

We note that the Council has concerns over the potential landscape impact for the site, however we believe that through good design and an appropriate density this impact can be mitigated.

We look forward to receiving written confirmation that you have received this development site proposal. We reserve the right to submit further comments and supporting information at the Proposed Plan stage.

We trust that the above and enclosed will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Proposed Plan. Should you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number above.

Yours sincerely

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