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Director of Environment & Infrastructure (Plans & Research) Scottish Borders Council Council Headquarters Newtown St Boswells MELROSE Scottish Borders TD6 0SA

6th February 2014

Dear Sir,

Scottish Borders Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan

Reference:

- a. Site code: zRO200
- b. Indicative site capacity: 19 units
- c. Your unreferenced letter dated 2nd December 2013.

As a resident living within 20metres of the site being considered for the building of 19 units I most strongly object to this proposal for consideration.

You will be aware that a proposal to build houses in the field opposite the cottages was rejected just a few short years ago. The area was a flood risk then and remains so today. We were very close to being flooded only a few weeks ago and you propose building all those additional units in an area closely resembling a council amenity site. I now see in the local press that the present owner of the site is discussion with a local company with an aim to build on the land under discussion.

Those living close to the area in question are well aware we are in danger of flooding. However, why make the situation much worse by building in this high risk area?

In addition, you will know that Ettrickhaugh Road considerably narrows once it passes the vehicle entrance to Selkirk Cricket Club. It is currently often difficult travel up the road. The occupants of Ettrickhaugh Cottages, in the main, have no off street parking. By necessity they have to park on the road, leaving a very narrow space for traffic to pass.

I look forward to hearing from you when you have a minute to tear yourself away from such hair brained schemes.

Yours faithfully

Angus William Boag Major (Retired)