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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Scottish Borders Local development Plan 2: Main Issues Report**

I wish to register my strong objection to the two 'Preferred Options' at Eshiels (MESH1001 and MESH1002) as listed in Chapter 4 in the above report. My comments are in response to 'Question 6' in the online survey, but I do not have access to the internet. I would like to make the following comments:

240 new houses will swamp the existing community. It effectively means Peebles will be linked to Cardrona with a major loss of good quality agricultural land and jobs essential to the economy of the Scottish Borders.

The traffic along the A72 is bad at the moment and it will become much worse if these proposals go through. Noise and air quality will deteriorate in what is suppose to be a rural area. And the existing infrastructure in and around Peebles can not stand this further strain. The schools, roads and health centres are already stretched. More houses in Eshiels or Peebles should not be considered until these facilities are improved first.

Eshiels is a hamlet in the countryside these proposed developments would destroy a lovely area I have known all my life. And as the owner of the former sawmill that closed down over 20-years ago, I can tell you there is no existing light industry in the Eshiels community.

Yours sincerely,

