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Dear Sir or Madam,

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

I write to register my objection to the two 'Preferred Options' at Eshiels (MESH1001 and MESH1002) as listed in Chapter 4 of the above report. My comments are in response to 'Question 6' in the online survey, however as I do not have access to a computer or the internet I am writing to you. I would like the following comments to be taken into consideration:

The proposal to build 240 new houses in Eshiels will **totally** destroy the existing community.

A great deal of agricultural land will be lost along with the rural jobs associated with the land.

The amount of traffic on the A72 is already considerable and the potential increase in vehicles of 400-500 will be dire!

Eshiels benefits from having dark skies, despite the distant "glow" from Peebles and this again would be eradicated forever if this huge estate was built.

I have lived in Eshiels for over 40 years and have seen it grow into a lovely sized small community – the proposed development would mean this community would be lost.

I also believe the facilities in the town of Peebles, health, schools and roads cannot cope with such an increase in population. It already takes several weeks to get a routine doctor's appointment and I believe all of the schools are either full or on the verge of being full.

And why would you want to locate light industries in Eshiels – it is a rural hamlet centred on agriculture and tourism? Light industry would be detrimental to the area and impact negatively on the beauty of the area affecting the burgeoning tourism of biking and walking.

Yours sincerely,

