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Sent: 30 January 2019 12:44
To: localplan <localplan@scotborders.gov.uk>
Subject: LDP2, main issues report, planning for housing, alternative options- netherbarns, Galashiels.

Dear sir/madam

I am contacting you to raise a very strong objection to any development at Netherbarns, Galashiels. As this is your third attempt to push this forward, I am sure you are well aware of all the arguments against this, and they have not changed !

Please do not spoil the borders heritage for short term gains or convenience!

Any development of this site would be very undesirable because of potential risk of damage to a very important landscape, historic and cultural interests and the contribution of tourism to the borders. Abbotsford House is one of our national treasures, and is a real success story in Galashiels (in my opinion one of the few!). Any development here does not outweigh the value of our Scottish Heritage. Development would be clearly visible from the house and new associated paths, which are very popular with locals and visitors to the borders. Noise and litter from any educational establishment would be detrimental to this particular area. Health and safety issues from major road congestion caused by any development should be avoided at all costs.

This greenfield site is a major part in our jewel in the crown in the Scottish Borders. It is these things that make us different and more attractive from other areas, please do not spoil this when there are other options.

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Submitted to **LDP2 - Main Issues Report**
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About you

Are you responding as an: individual, organisation, or an agent acting on behalf of a client?

Individual

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What is your name?

Individual name:
[REDACTED]

What is your address?

Address line 1:
[REDACTED]

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Address line 3:

Town/City:
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Post code:
[REDACTED]

What is your contact number?

Individual Phone No:
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Vision aims and spatial strategy

Question 1

Q1 Agree aims LDP2:

Growing our economy

Question 2

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Question 3

Settlement business allocated:

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Business Use Towns:

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Land delivery effectively:

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Planning for housing

Question 7

Housing agree?:

I strongly disagree with alternative options- Galashiels, site ref. Agala 929, Netherbarns.

Since this is your third time to attempt this, I assume you already know most of the arguments against it! I hope I am not insulting you by reminding you of some of them:

It would be clearly visible from Abbotsford House and new associated paths, Abbotsford is one of our national treasures and is clearly A real success story in the borders. Development of this site would potentially risk risk damage to and certainly not outweigh harm to a very important landscape, historic and cultural interests and the contribution of tourism to the borders economy. Not to mention associated noise and litter from an educational establishment, and the health and safety risks associated with major road congestion.

Please don't spoil the borders heritage (which has happened in other areas, and makes us different and more appealing) for short term gain or convenience.

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Housing countryside:

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Agree removed housing :

Supporting our town centres

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Core Activity Areas:

Question 11

Berwickshire supermarket:

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Develp contrib town:

Delivering sustainability and climate change agenda

Question 13

Support alternative option:

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National park:

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Regeneration

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Agree redevelopment:

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Settlement Map

Question 16

Oxnam settlement:

Question 17

Core frontage Newcastleton:

Planning policy issues

Question 18

Agree amendments appendix3:

Any other comments

Question 19

Other main issues:

Landowner details

Have you submitted any site suggestions in this consultation?

No

If yes, please confirm the site and provide the landowner details (if known) for each site you have suggested.: