MIR LDP2 January 2019

M&DCC support the main aims of the LDP2

The following items were raised regarding the proposal

Planning for Housing

M&DCC support the Preferred Option of Darnlee in Darnick provided it allows for road & junction improvements in Broomilees Road.

There was less support for the Alternative Melrose Option at St Marys Road

The main concerns raised were loss of greenspace and road safety on St Marys Road

Town Centres

The LDP must support and encourage High Streets like Melrose which has almost every shop occupied. By not allowing any more out of town shopping areas locally which dilute the money spent on our high street to the point shops become uneconomical

It is much easier to protect what we have than to try and recreate it once it has gone.

Sustainability

We must strongly protect the green spaces between Melrose and Darnick to ensure the two communities do not become adjoined

Growing Economy

We must do everything we can to support our existing Restaurants, Pubs, Hotels, B & Bs within the town which in turn are so dependent on the Tourism Industry. This helping to make a vibrant community.

Transport

We must continue to support the Borders Railway which has been a great success. It is vital however that we strive for a much more reliable and better service to encourage the use of the railway to grow.

Regards

For Melrose & District Community Council