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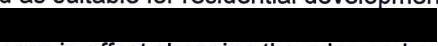
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Dear Sirs,

Local Plan Ednam Village Boundaries Review

I refer to your recent intimation and now write to formally object to the inclusion of the two areas indicated within the boundaries of the village of Ednam.

I have a number of reasons for objecting and they will fall within three categories:-

1. My first objection relates to potentially increasing the housing stock by 36 plus houses. This will change the character of the village beyond recognition. Currently the village has an established community composed of the main long term residents. This has fostered a strong cohesive community that would almost certainly be destroyed by such a disproportionate increase in the housing stock.
2. My second objection relates to the inevitable and significant pressure on already stretched services. This is particularly so in relation to sewage, drainage, etc. and places at the local primary school.
3. My final objection relates to the Council's real intentions are in redefining the village as this appears to be a back door route to get around the overall development plan for the Scottish Borders. The village itself may have been zoned as suitable for residential development but not the agricultural land surrounding the village.  By attempting to change the village boundaries you are in effect changing the rules and as such your conduct is 'unreasonable' and susceptible to judicial review.

I look forward to hearing from you with confirmation that you are withdrawing your proposal.

Yours sincerely,

