

## Response from Lilliesleaf Ashkirk and Midlem Community Council to the MIR Consultation

### QUESTION 1

Do you agree with the main aims of the LDP2? Do you have any alternative or additional aims?

Yes. We suggest an additional aim. The listed buildings of the Scottish Borders are one of its great assets. The existence of a listed building should NOT result in the sterilisation of any land within sight of it. Buildings erected in sight of a listed building must be designed to relate sympathetically to that building. Specifically, they should not usually be of more than 2 storeys, should be coloured to match the local stone and should usually be of traditional design.

### Q 9. Site for Removal

We suggest that the site allocated in the centre Lilliesleaf, now purchased by the community to make a village green, should be removed from the housing allocation.

### Q 12 Town Centres

We support the removal of developer contributions for town centre regeneration for conversion domestic use. This is expensive work to undertake and developer contributions are a disincentive. Previously empty buildings converted for domestic dwellings will generate Council Tax which will itself be a contribution to the Council's resources.

Further, in the LAMCC area there are no towns. We depend on cars to get to towns and MUST be able to park. Otherwise it's supermarkets or the internet. Time-limited parking (say 2 hours) in town centres allows shoppers to visit a town and then depart. All-day free parking is disastrous because there is no parking available for those who want to shop and then leave.

### Question 14. Do you support a National Park. If so, where?

7.16 National Park. Note, SBC says that support for this is unlikely to be material to the Scot Govt. BUT...what do we think?

### Possible new policy. Dark Skies.

We support this. If necessary lighting is suitably directional (vide the Ravenswood roundabout at the A68/Melrose bypass) there can be minimal light pollution.