

Dear Sir

[REDACTED], but am a very regular visitor to the Glentress area where I often stay, [REDACTED]. I write to lodge my extremely strong objections to the Local Development Plan (LDP2).

The plans for the Glentress area (MESH1001 and MESH1002 in your document) are completely out of keeping with that location and I wish to object in the strongest terms. Glentress is currently a tranquil, beautiful area unspoiled by development, where you can walk on dirt tracks, listen to the birds, walk among mature trees and avoid the concrete, tarmac and brick environment, which is steadily encroaching on so many natural beauty spots.

A development of this scale in this location would completely ruin the area and would surely have a negative impact on tourism. Whether you're a walker, a cyclist or someone who just appreciates the countryside, you don't want to be faced with rows of houses, increased traffic, manicured lawns and acres of tarmac. Please leave this beautiful area as it is.

Also, what about the impact this would have on the local ecology? The variety of butterflies, the buzz of bees in summer, the rare birds that nest in the area? Is walking through a green field listening to birdsong and the hum of a honey bee to be replaced by a walk along a slabbed pavement with a view of lamp posts, washing lines and the backs of houses, rather than hills, mature trees and nature?

Please, please don't spoil this area. There must be hundreds of suitable sites for housing without encroaching on what is one of the most valued and unspoilt areas in the Borders.

Yours faithfully

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