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## Vision aims and spatial strategy

### Question 1

Q1 Agree aims LDP2:

Agree with main aims

## Growing our economy

### Question 2

Q2:

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### Question 3

Settlement business allocated:

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#### Question 4

##### Business Use Towns:

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#### Question 5

##### Land delivery effectively:

#### Question 6

##### Agree?:

I don't agree with the preferred options as presented. In particular I wish to object most strongly with the two preferred options located at Eshiels (MESH1001 and MESH1002) for the following reasons:

1. Eshiels is a small settlement located in the beautiful Tweed Valley with stunning views. There has been a settlement in the Eshiels area for well over 200 years. The current settlement is made up of mainly single housing ranging in age from Victorian to modern day.
2. Eshiels is the gateway to Glentress forest which is part of the world famous 7Stanes bike parks which attract over 300,000 visitors to the area annually.
3. The current approach to Glentress forest is in keeping with the surrounding countryside that attracts people to the area. Developing this area for housing will severely detract from its current atmosphere and attractiveness - who would want to approach this tourist attraction through a huge housing estate!
4. Eshiels currently has an almost dark sky environment and any further urbanisation would destroy this.
5. The development would potentially mean the loss of 30 hectares of prime agricultural land for ever.
6. I don't think that siting industrial units within an housing development is appropriate.
7. Currently there is a high volume of traffic on the A72 between Cardrona and Peebles at peak times. The proposed development of 240 houses would mean potentially at least 400-500 additional vehicles using this already busy road. This would obviously impact on the current congestion and parking issues within the Peebles area.
8. The proposed development at Eshiels would create a ribbon development between Peebles and Glentress on the A72 - the area currently is quite pleasant to drive through, more and more development would result in this being lost.

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#### Planning for housing

#### Question 7

##### Housing agree?:

The proposal to build around 1000 houses in the Peebles area is not viable.

The local town infrastructure is now struggling with the current population demand and to suggest this number of housing developments in the Peebles area without a huge investment in health, school, social care and other essential infrastructure requirements is of great concern.

I think other Border towns, Galashiels, Hawick, even Walkerburn would benefit from increased housing and business areas to bring greater life and vitality to them and to help stem the loss residents and reinvigorate these areas.

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##### Housing countryside:

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#### Question 9

##### Agree removed housing :

#### Supporting our town centres

## Question 10

Core Activity Areas:

## Question 11

Berwickshire supermarket:

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## Question 12

Develop contrib town:

## Delivering sustainability and climate change agenda

## Question 13

Support alternative option:

## Question 14

National park:

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## Regeneration

## Question 15

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:

The report is far too concentrated in the Peebles area and takes no account of the pressures this will put on a town that already has major infrastructure pressures.

What about the rest of the Scottish Borders?

This report appears to be taking the easy route in that SBC are aware that potential developers are only attracted to Peebles as it will maximise their profits. Building in Hawick and Galashiels for instance will not provide such rich pickings!!!

Peebles just cannot cope with further housing - it would be a shame to see it become another Penicuik, a lovely small town destroyed by huge housing estates and an ugly town centre!

## 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.:**