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Submitted to LDP2 - Main Issues Report Submitted on 2019-01-20 11:54:06 **Data protection About you** Are you responding as an: individual, organisation, or an agent acting on behalf of a client? Individual Individual What is your name? Individual name: What is your address? Address line 1: Address line 2 : Address line 3: Town/City: Post code: What is your contact number? Individual Phone No: What is your email address? Individual email: Vision aims and spatial strategy Question 1 Q1 Agree aims LDP2: The LPD2 should build in a specific requirement regarding preserving wildlife habitats, and preventing habitat pockets from become even more isolated. **Growing our economy** Question 2 Q2: Q2 upload: No file was uploaded

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Business Use Towns:
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Planning for housing
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Housing countryside: Housing in the countryside remains an issue. A recent application for 3 lodges in Hallrule burn highlights the issue of wildlife corridors. This proposal and others like it, built in wooded, unmanaged glens and river banks, are disruptive to the few remaining wildlife corridors that link pockets of habitat - in this example one of only a few corridors providing natural cover between the Rulewater corridor and the slopes of Ruberslaw, which is supportive of wildlife, will be disrupted. This is exacerbated by the rapid spread along Rulewater of deer farm fences that are impenetrable to wildlife. This sort of badly sited rural development and the pressure from energy companies to build facilities on unspoilt hill habitats is undermining a key natural resource of the Borders. The proposed alternative less stringent approach to Housing in the countryside set out in 5.14 would make it more difficult to do this and should not be adopted.
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Agree removed housing :
Supporting our town centres
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Core Activity Areas:
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Delivering sustainability and climate change agenda
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Support alternative option:
Question 14

National park:

The proposal for a Borders National Park in southern / central Borders would be the best way of raising the profile of the Region in the minds of both Scottish, British and international holiday makers and tourists. The area is presently the subject of consultation by the National Park campaign, using the areas discussed in the campaigns Feasibility Study (which SBC already has) as a starting point. However whatever boundary is chosen, all parts of southern and central borders will benefit because of the well-researched "halo" effect felt by areas surrounding existing NPs, and it would be wise to avoid diluting the benefits by making the

NP area to wide and inclusive. for Example, the Glentress / Peebles honeypot is doing fine as it is, and including it would continue to draw attention away from the neglected northern slopes of the Cheviots i.e. south of the Teviot.
Scottish Borders Tourism Partnership is promoting a much needed marketing strategy addressing the same issues, but the benefits will only be felt while the money for this remains available. The best way to raise the long term profile of the Region is through an internationally recognised designation that means "excellence" and "must visit" to tourists.
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Settlement Map
Question 16
Oxnam settlement:
Question 17
Core frontage Newcastleton:
Planning policy issues
Question 18
Agree amendments appendix3: The concerns about despoliation of upland habitats, peatlands etc and wild life habitat pockets expressed in relation to housing in the countryside are relevant here as well.
The Rarity value of the so far unspoiled mountains, hills and moorlands south of the Teviot must be recognised and have proper value placed upon it in terms of future tourism and Biodiversity.
Any other comments
Question 19
Other main issues: See earlier comments
and are well placed to convey the appreciative, concerned, and worried with regard to unpoilt

ilt countryside, wildlife etc and development that would undermine the scenic, wildlife and similar assets that the Borders still has in parts.

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.: