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Vision aims and spatial strategy

Question 1

Q1 Agree aims LDP2:

Growing our economy

Question 2

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Settlement business allocated:

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Business Use Towns:

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Question 5

Land delivery effectively:

Question 6

Agree?:

I am unsure why the two Eshiels sites are so large. I understand there would be some business/industrial units but the majority seems to be housing. The number of houses suggested for these sites is far far too high. Other rural sites within the plan have much lower numbers proposed - a development of around 20 houses within Eshiels would be more appropriate but over 10 times this amount would be utterly appalling. Eshiels currently has no shop, pub etc - housing development should surely be focussed on places that can offer residents some local services. Peebles services are overloaded as it is, adding this many houses would be impossible for schools/doctors to accommodate. Having good schools is a big part of why people want to move to the Peebles area but our schools are bursting at the seams and we have recently been told the High School is last on the list for upgrading. With so much housing proposed for Peebles area, SBC risk pushing people to leave rather than attracting them.

A big concern is the safety of the A72, which is already very busy and not policed well. Many people drive faster than 50mph, overtake dangerously and cut the bend at Eshiels Toll. There are many cyclists on this road and for pedestrians it is very difficult to cross safely (which children must do to get the school bus) - increased traffic would of course make this much worse.

Finally the beauty of these sites, close to the Tweed, at the base Glentress forest in the renowned Tweed Valley (which is vital to the local tourism sector and could be part of a future Borders National Park) would be hugely impacted.

There must be other areas with better transport links, newer schools (or those with spare capacity) or where an aging population would prefer to live that would be better for such huge housing increases.

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Planning for housing

Question 7

Housing agree?:

I do not agree with so many houses being proposed for Tweeddale. For the same reasons outlined in the previous section - schools, doctors, over development of countryside, increased traffic. Galashiels, Stow and Melrose must be a better priority with the railway.

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Question 8

Housing countryside:

Our small communities must be valued and protected - please be very wary of spoiling what makes the Scottish Borders special. Developers are unlikely to see anything but profit when they look at fields, villages and pretty country towns. Putting houses in places that have primary schools with low numbers is good but there needs to be more/better high school places available down the line. Primary schools in Peebles town, as well as the High School, can not be put under any further pressure.

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Agree removed housing :

Supporting our town centres

Question 10

Core Activity Areas:

Question 11

Berwickshire supermarket:

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Question 12

Develp contrib town:

Delivering sustainability and climate change agenda

Question 13

Support alternative option:

Question 14

National park: Yes, Tweeddale.

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Regeneration

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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:

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 .: