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Our Ref. LDP2 MIR

Dear Sir/Madam

We write to inform you that Scottish Borders Council have just released the Main Issues Report (MIR). This is the first stage of the new Local Development Plan 2 consultation process which will steer development in the Borders until 2026.

This stage is crucial in terms of public consultation as it presents a key opportunity for landowners to promote potential development land. It is vital that engagement is made at an early stage as the process is increasingly 'front loaded'.

This is therefore an ideal time to work up robust representations to the Council with a view to securing allocations over land for the proposed use (e.g. housing or mixed-use development). A land allocation will likely increase support for any future planning applications and will also, naturally, impact positively on land values.

A link to the full consultation document can be found by copying the below link into your internet search engine:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20051/plans_and_guidance/806/local_development_plan_2_background/2

Ferguson Planning, an independent Chartered Planning and Development Consultancy based in Galashiels, would be delighted to discuss your sites and advise on the merits of promotion through the emerging LDP process.

The deadline for making representations to the MIR is the 31st January 2019. Given the impending Christmas break we would advise consulting with us regarding any opportunities in the near future to allow adequate time to consider them and draft any submissions to the Council on your behalf.

Should you be interested in engaging with this timely opportunity, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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