

Final Comments

- 1 The roads fiasco in the Liddesdale area this year, was nothing short, of incompetence. By allowing the cutting off of our essential access routes with little notice, or communication, the decision makers have highlighted here, the disparity that exists, when heavy industry is allowed to take priority over the average resident. Damage to bridges and roads exists chiefly through volume and weight of traffic increasing in our region, flooding is a likely excuse. These routes have survived for centuries, until the timber and wind boom and the allocation of payments the council take from this, must be realised to the residents affected directly. Please move to award those affected by such activities some relatable recompense. Please reflect this. going forward, in a significant reduction of council tax for those residents and waive council tax, for those grossly affected by other Scottish Government departments activities, where the need exists. Please audit all local trusts and community interest involvement and find out where the funding, all such have been awarded has actually gone. I will be in touch via my legal team in the very near future, to resolve the outstanding losses I have already experienced and to positively remedy, the inaction demonstrated by this administration.
- 2 Slash the total number of over paid managers and increase the pay and conditions of the poorly paid, split shifted workers that care for our elderly, there are worth their weight in gold.
- 3 This questionnaire is horrendous
- 4 Let's really do our part in tackling climate change by not cutting down woodland or destroying greenbelt areas for the sake of building houses and allowing developers to profit from environmental vandalism. After all, the only person benefiting is the developer and there are future generations we must consider now.
- 5 Not convinced that now is the time to spend on display cases
- 6 Prioritising climate, health and tackling inequalities will not only improve quality of life for a wider spectrum of the population, but would also create a positive environment to encourage internal and inward investment in businesses and jobs
- 7 Dog dirt is also a serious concern more needs to be done to address this issue.
- 8 Reduce rates and get landlords to reduce rents, Peebles high street is ready to take off, it just needs a better sustainable environment
- 9 Would love to see more and varied career opportunities for youth, addressing the rise in child poverty.

- 10 The roads are in a shocking state. The side roads need to be a higher priority again. This 20mph scheme needs scrapped too - it's worse for the environment than 30mph as people are constantly revving & driving in a low gear for longer creates more fumes! If children & roads are such a bad mix, perhaps we should be teaching them road safety at school? We only get one planet, & if we're not going to make a concerted effort to conserve it & save it, it doesn't matter what else you do as there won't be a planet for you to do it on!
- 11 As far as I know, not a single Stock Exchange or AIM listed company is headquartered in our region. SBC should do its best to find out why this is, and what can be done about it.
- 12 To retain services at a respectable level an annual increase in domestic rates may be required
- 13 This is NOT the area I live in yet it will not allow me to change! Please cancel this!
- 14 All points deserve 5 points..
- 15 Thanks for the opportunity to comment!
- 16 Please try and get the Sport and Leisure facilities right at the new school and start investing in sport again, all that has happened for the past 15 years is cut upon cut and the sports clubs are starting to struggle, support the sports officers to make a difference to the youngsters in our area.
- 17 More investment south of Tweedbank there is life and opportunities in these areas, Newcastleton closer to M6 motorway than any place in the borders why so little investment
- 18 education on the benefits of active travel would "help people live well for longer" - the 20mph limits will help, but research shows that traffic calming measures are successful. Resulting in perception of safety to walk and cycle. Needs more cycle racks, safe pavements, tolerance.
- 19 Priorities should be roads parks and recreation facilities to attract visitors.
- 20 Younger people can't get jobs in the borders due to the retirement age being so high which means older people work longer and younger can't get jobs
- 21 Reign in the spending on the Tapestry Building.
- 22 If we don't do our collective bit for climate change, the rest is essentially immaterial
- 23 I hope SBC's Sustainable Development Committee plays an active role in shaping investment in the Borders

- 24 More needs to be done to support single low income people who are being disproportionately affected by Covid, other health issues, and so on. All grants and financial support seems to be geared to families, while single people unfit to work, are tossed under the bus, with no support whatsoever!
- 25 We need to do better in the future.