

Selection from the 1,000 comments on the Change.org petition site regarding the Great Tapestry building

Cathie Cummings	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	I believe the Tapestry should have stayed in an area of higher population in order to succeed. It is an incredibly risky strategy to bring the Tapestry to an industrial area not renowned for tourism.
Robin Young	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	I think the money being used for this could be better spent on more useful things in the area, like AimUp.
Jan Jeffrey	Innerleithen, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	There are many, many more important things to spend this money on - care for the elderly, uplift at Innerleithen, new schools, return of garden uplift service, new care homes etc etc. Look after the living first!
John Derrick	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	This amount of money could be better spent for one thing the roads are in a dreadful state with potholes
Abi Reed	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	I attended meetings last year where I was told the council had to cut 11million form the school budget, I would rather our money went towards more essential services
Craig Archibald	Innerleithen, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	Aim up will create way more local jobs and bring more tourism to help existing local businesses
Ruth Fry	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	I think it should be housed in an existing Borders building. The money is needed elsewhere.
Iain MacKay	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	No need to spend money on something the region cannot afford. Streets are full of potholes, court has been closed and hospital under threat yet we are asked to stump up £3.5m for a flippin tapestry. I don't believe it!
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Thomas Quinn	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	THE MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT ON ELDERLY CARE AND REPAIRING OUR ROADS.
William Palin	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	SBC cannot afford this, money should be spent on the community not some red herring that's going to eat money,
Ronald Landers	Walkerburn, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	I signed because i think the money would be better put towards the chair lift as it will be a major boost not just to mountain biking which has an amazing following but also a draw for tourism as a general project.
Gillian Steele	Innerleithen, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	This is a horrendous waste of money on a small tourist attraction. Spend it on our schools & education instead!
Joseph Kirkpatrick	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	How many cuts in public services will be required to fund this project in future years. When is this Scottish Borders Council going to wake up to reality.
Yvonne Finnigan	Broughton, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	SBC could be using the money they are borrowing for this project for much more that is actually needed ..such as improving social care, social housing, education & community projects
victoria anderson	traquair, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	I am a teacher of additional needs in the borders. Our department is badly under-funded, this is quite an absurd and insulting suggestion
Kathleen Connor	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	Money could be better spent on health care, education, etc. the tapestry should be housed in an Edinburgh art gallery or at The Castle!
Paul Nairn	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	If we must house the Tapestry in the Borders we should house in it one of our existing buildings & save the £3.5 M for a more worthwhile project that will directly improve the lives of ordinary borderers.

James Miller	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	It will never achieve targets -- waste of OUR money.
wendy bertram	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	We shouldn't b wasting our money on this as it's a waste of time as it won't attract the amount of people it needs to pay off the debt it will get the borders in
joanna dean	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-01-29	Inappropriate use of funds and would be better geographically and economically to house it in Galashiels.
Neil MacKinnon	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	This project is a complete waste of money, the tapestry could easily be housed in an existing building in Galashiels.
angela frost	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	I feel that this is a waste of money given the current economic climate when people are starving and freezing in their homes .. also we pay council tax so that amenities can be provided to the residents of the borders
Brian Lawson	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	its wrong to divert money from other budgets to pay for this. There is plenty of options. Also Tweedbank is the wrong place..... Who goes or will go to Tweedbank. Most people will get off the train in Galashiels.
Aaeon Biggs	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	Disgrace, money could be put towards other projects around the borders to help grow local trade and attract more people to the area.... standard from the council...
KAREN Brown	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	It is not acceptable to spend money like that when people are going to food banks and are homeless.
Sheila Shaw	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	I'm signing because I feel money could be put to better use. Road repairs, cleaning up the buildings in the town, reduce rents in channel street/high street and maybe more shops would come in. Lots could be done with this
Greg Dalgleish	Hawick, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	Mr Parker and anyone who voted for this have proved they so out of touch with what's going on locally. I bet they wouldn't have backed this silly project with their own money !

Marlene Borthwick	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	Too much risk involved at a time when there are cutbacks in education, social work, roads etc which are essential to the wellbeing of the community.
Graham Jones	selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	This is completely SHOCKING! DISGUSTED what are you doing spending my money on a bit cloth! In a time where people are having to use food banks and struggling to make end meet in another 5 years of Austerity
joyce Macvicar	Lilliesleaf, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	There are people in the Borders having to use food banks. I rest my case!
emma howie	Jedburgh, United Kingdom	2015-01-30	This amount of money needs to be redirected to health and social care, road repairs. House the tapestry in a building that already exists
David Pye	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-01-31	This council must concentrate it's efforts on managing the core essential services they have to deliver with ever increasing budgetary pressures. tapestry in Tweedbank costing the council £3.5M to house, cannot be
Laura Delaney	Hawick, United Kingdom	2015-01-31	In a time when local business are closing and the existence of our local hospitals are at risk this would be a complete waste of public money!
Iain Scott	Hawick, United Kingdom	2015-01-31	I do not believe that our Councillors have voted in the interests of their constituents, this is an utter waste of money
John Tait	Hawick, United Kingdom	2015-01-31	I believe that the Tapestry could have been housed in a regenerated mill building preferably in Hawick for much less than the current new build at Tweedbank and would have been eligible for lottery Funding.
catherine eardley	Oxton, United Kingdom	2015-01-31	This is a flagrant disregard for the cruciality of basic services in the borders. Wasting £3..5m in a time of such constraints on budgets is shocking
Sheila waddell	Duns, United Kingdom	2015-01-31	the borders regional council could spend that money on repairing roads which are awful in places

geraldine strickland	Jedburgh, United Kingdom	2015-02-01	decent buses, social care, human care and essential services are more important, the tapestry can come but house it in an existing venue! 30 years of debt for our children, irresponsible
Wilma Blackie	Kelso, United Kingdom	2015-02-03	The cuts in areas such as education are horrendous and this money could be better spent elsewhere
Mark Hope	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-02-04	Total waste of money and especially so when it is borrowed money that incurs interest, all of which we have to cover. Please don't waste our money
Elsbeth Babington	Tweedbank, United Kingdom	2015-02-04	I do not believe in wasting taxpayers money on this tapestry which is not viable by any means. Our workplace has suffered pay/holidays/pension cuts
Dorothy Ainslie	Melrose, United Kingdom	2015-02-04	I believe the cost to the Borders is too great, especially at a time when services are being cut
Nancy Allinson	Tweedbank, United Kingdom	2015-02-04	This is a disgraceful waste of money when essential services are being cut and the council repeatedly bemoans the fact that they are short of money
Gillian Ormiston	Tweedbank, United Kingdom	2015-02-04	This is unwanted, unaffordable and a folly, I've seen the tapestry (for free) it's something to be part of another attraction, not an attraction meriting £10
Thomas R Beattie	Earlston, United Kingdom	2015-02-05	The council has better things to do with the millions it will take to display this tapestry. Education and roads for a start.
Alexander Thompson	Coldstream, United Kingdom	2015-02-05	I think it is an incorrect decision to spend that amount of money displaying a tapestry.
David Shields	Bowden, United Kingdom	2015-02-05	The sums don't appear to add up. Once again the Council has gone off on a half-cocked looney scheme/idea!! Always remember it's the council
Robert Petrie	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-02-05	The council has an overabundance of buildings that are not fully utilised or supported and is determined to hive them off to yet another (charity status)
Ogilvie Mathieson	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-02-05	I believe there are existing buildings which could accommodate the Tapestry for a much lower cost eg. the vacant NGT building at Selkirk to
Natalie Brown	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-02-05	It is not a democratic decision and £200,000 is far to much for the Scottish Borders to pay back every year for thirty years!
Derek Stewart	Hawick, United Kingdom	2015-02-06	Because there was no proper consultation - The tapestry could go into an existing building - And the public be spared this large bill that it can't afford

Lesley Hubbard	Peeblesshire, United Kingdom	2015-02-06	I have no objection to the tapestry being housed in the borders, but to erect a costly new building for it does not make financial sense when the council
John Hobkirk	Kelso, United Kingdom	2015-02-06	The projected number of visitors will never be achieved and if it goes ahead it will be another masive "white elephant" funded by public money
Adrian Downey	Newcastleton, United Kingdom	2015-02-07	3.5 million can be used in other areas that WILL benefit the people that paid this money, without a choice, in the first place!
Lesley Trotter	Melrose, United Kingdom	2015-02-07	I think this is an appalling waste of the Borders council's limited resources and Tweedbank is a ridiculous location.
Janice Hunt	Bowden, United Kingdom	2015-02-07	It will not prove a good investment for the Borders and it would more appropriate to site the tapestry more centrally so that it could be accessed
David Magill	Lauder, United Kingdom	2015-02-07	I think such a huge amount of public money could be put to better use.It's not the Bayeux Tapestry.
David Bremner	Saint Boswells, United Kingdom	2015-02-08	I Think that there are far better suited sites for this rather than wasting ratepayers money on what is bound to be a loss making scheme
Rodney Thomas	Duns, United Kingdom	2015-02-09	This is a national project and should be paid for by central government with the cost spread across the whole of the population.
Hamish Carruthers	Gattonside, United Kingdom	2015-02-09	The Business Plan produced by Jura Consultants is inaccurate and does not give the full facts.
Michael Begley	Duns, United Kingdom	2015-02-09	SBC have lost the plot. At a time when so many other services are being cut I cannot believe they are wasting money on this.
John Alistair Buchan	Melrose, United Kingdom	2015-02-10	Unlikely to attract tourists as a stand alone exhibition.Should be combined with another attraction preferably in an existing building
Ellen Magee	Tweedbank, United Kingdom	2015-02-10	There are more important things to spend money on. Homes, roads, jobs for instance
Gavin Whittaker	Heriot, United Kingdom	2015-02-10	This is yet another waste of limited resources by SBC on a vanity project, at a time when school students don't have books
Stuart Smith	Kelso, United Kingdom	2015-02-12	I believe the councillors who supported this project have lost touch with their constituents and democracy.

Tania McPether	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-02-12	I think the visitor projections have been hugely over-estimated and Borders' taxpayers will end up footing the bill. Viewing the tapestry is currently free
Karen Smail	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-02-12	This is a vanity project, when the basic services are not being met. Poorly maintained roads, dirty streets etc.
Vee Freir	Gordon, United Kingdom	2015-02-13	I'm signing because in these times of austerity when money is needed for vital services I think it's a crime to spend £3.5M on a building.
Elizabeth Parker	Saint Boswells, United Kingdom	2015-02-13	I feel the coucil is gambling with ratepayers money which should be spent on health, welfare or education. I feel a more appropriate venue should be
George Langlands	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-02-17	I am sure the funds could be much more effectively used- education,training,infrastructure-than this vanity project.
Karen Bedwell	Newtown Saint Boswells, United Kingdom	2015-02-17	Money would be better spent on our local schools. We need to invest in the next generation.
Sandy & Maude Brownlie	Gattonside, United Kingdom	2015-02-18	It should be combined with another attraction We cannot afford an exclusive build.
Joyce Blaikie	Duns, United Kingdom	2015-02-21	Total waste of money which could be better spend keeping Knoll Hospital open. It will be better spent this way.
Joanne Hands	Kelso, United Kingdom	2015-02-24	As a nurse we are short staffed continually and can't get patients home because of lack of home care, use the Money for that instead!!!
Sheila Felton	Eyemouth, United Kingdom	2015-02-27	It's a terrible cost at a time that need is essential.If that amount of money is available it needs to be used for need not frivialities
Sarah Ewing	West Linton, United Kingdom	2015-02-28	Which geniuses ever thought this was a good use of money? Focus on essentials first before idiotic expenditure like this!
tom darrie	Kelso, United Kingdom	2015-02-28	We pay our council tax, but not for this. How can you take OUR money and waste it on this! We are paying for it and we do NOT want it!!
george thomson	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-03-01	Scottish Borders Council and David Parker are not listening to the people that voted them in.....waste of money better spent on education,social work
Debbie Walbaum	Biggar, United Kingdom	2015-03-01	It would be better housed in an existing popular tourist attraction. - Traquair House or Bowhill or Abbotsford

Gillian Swan	Earlston, United Kingdom	2015-03-03	The tapestry can be housed elsewhere,how about Heart of Hawick, this is not a priority.
Ina Gladstone	KELSO., United Kingdom	2015-07-31	when there is so many lovely historical homes around the Scottish Borders which would be more fitting and better placed than Tweedbank.
Aileen Dryden MBE	Ancrum, United Kingdom	2015-08-13	There are so many empty mills perfect for displaying the tapestry . what a perfect use for social historic building s