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**Date:** 6th May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**PLANNING APPLICATION AT Slaters Yard Off Charlesfield Road St Boswells Scottish Borders**

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Erection of agricultural machinery dealership premises incorporating workshop, show space, office and associated works.

**APPLICANT:** AB Wight Engineering Ltd

Please find attached the formal notice of refusal for the above application.

Drawings can be found on the Planning pages of the Council website at  
<https://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

Your right of appeal is set out within the decision notice.

Yours faithfully

John Hayward

Planning & Development Standards Manager

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (as amended)****Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013****Application for Planning Permission****Reference : 21/00244/FUL****To : AB Wight Engineering Ltd per Murray Land & Buildings Hillside Dean Place Newstead Melrose  
Scottish Borders TD6 9RL**

With reference to your application validated on **18th February 2021** for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for the following development :-

**Proposal : Erection of agricultural machinery dealership premises incorporating workshop, show space, office and associated works.**

**at : Slaters Yard Off Charlesfield Road St Boswells Scottish Borders**

The Scottish Borders Council hereby **refuse** planning permission for the **reason(s) stated on the attached schedule**.

**Dated 5th May 2021  
Regulatory Services  
Council Headquarters  
Newtown St Boswells  
MELROSE  
TD6 0SA**

**John Hayward  
Planning & Development Standards Manager**

**APPLICATION REFERENCE : 21/00244/FUL****Schedule of Plans and Drawings Refused:**

Plan Ref	Plan Type	Plan Status
NO.01B	Location Plan	Refused
	Proposed Block Plan	Refused
	Proposed Plans	Refused

**REASON FOR REFUSAL**

- 1 The proposal would be contrary to policy PMD4 of the Local Development Plan 2016 as the site is outwith the Development Boundary for St Boswells and outwith Charlesfield Industrial Estate and is an isolated countryside location rather than a logical extension to the settlement. The proposed development would prejudice the character and natural edge of St Boswells and cause significant adverse effects on the landscape setting of the settlement. In addition, there are no significant community benefits of the proposal that justify development outwith the Development Boundary.
- 2 The proposal would be contrary to policy ED7 of the Local Development Plan 2016 as the site is an isolated site within the countryside and it has not been substantially demonstrated that the proposal requires this particular countryside location or that the development proposed cannot be satisfactory accommodated within the nearby Charlesfield business and industrial site or another allocated business and industrial site within an identified settlement boundary. In addition, the development would not respect the amenity and character of the surrounding area.
- 3 The proposal would be contrary to policy EP6 of the Local Development Plan 2016 as the site is within the area designated as Countryside Around Towns and it has not been adequately demonstrated that the development requires a rural location or that the use is appropriate for a countryside setting. In addition, the proposal would result in piecemeal and sporadic development in the countryside that would be visually intrusive and would erode the sensitive setting of St Boswells, resulting in adverse impacts on the undeveloped rural character and visual amenity of the area.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT**

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Planning Authority to refuse planning permission for or approval required by a condition in respect of the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, the applicant may require the planning authority to review the case under Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) within three months from the date of this notice.

The notice of review must be submitted on the standard form and addressed to the Clerk of The Local Review Body, Democratic Services, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells. TD6 0SA or sent by email to [localreview@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:localreview@scotborders.gov.uk). The standard form and guidance notes can be found online at [Appeal a Planning Decision](#). Appeals to the Local Review Body can also be made via the Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division by clicking on the following link [PEAD](#)

If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Planning Authority or by the Scottish Ministers, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, the owner may serve on the Planning Authority a purchase notice requiring the purchase of his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).