



**What is important about the Borders Countryside?
'Have your Say'**

on the
Scottish Borders Land Use Strategy

at a
Public Meeting

in Stow Town Hall - Wednesday January 15th, 2014
7.30pm-9.00pm



Please come along and contribute to the debate on the development of a pilot regional land use framework for the Scottish Borders. It would be appreciated if you could let us know of your intention to attend by e-mailing: derek.robesson@tweedforum.org. More information can be obtained overleaf.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Derek Robeson'.

Derek Robeson, Tweed Forum

Gala Water Area Evening Event

The benefits of a pilot Regional Land Use Strategy (LUS) Framework for the Scottish Borders:

The Borders Countryside provides us with a wealth of benefits such as; food, timber, clean water, energy, employment, wildlife and recreational opportunities. We demand more and more from the land, so we should optimise the ways in which we use the land to face up to the difficult choices that lie ahead. The objective of the LUS is to help us think more strategically about the potential of our land and the ways we could use land to deliver multiple benefits for society in future. The process will involve looking to the long term at the key land use types in the Borders and to see how they might be impacted by society's changing needs. This process will hopefully ensure we retain what is special about living here and also ensure that the countryside will continue to supplement future generation's needs, in view of the increasing demands placed upon it.

Gala Water Area workshop: A short presentation on the aims of the Land Use strategy pilot will be followed by a group discussion. The aim of the meeting will be to look at a number of land use maps of the Gala Water Catchment case study area, which are aimed at stimulating debate on what future land use benefits, opportunities and issues there may be.

Topics for debate and discussion: Please give some thought to the 6 discussion points below, as we will discuss them at the evening meeting.

1. What do you see as the priorities for land use in the Gala Water Catchment?
2. What are the main benefits and features provided by the current types of land use and management in the area?
3. What do you see as the main issues in the area that may cause potential conflict between different land uses?
4. What future types of land use could be adopted and supported to deliver multiple benefits from its management in the area?
5. In which situations potentially, could these opportunities be realised?
6. What would help with making these difficult land management choices? And what mechanisms might be developed to enable this to happen?

Further information: **Tweed Forum:** www.tweedforum.org/lus E-mail: derek.roberson@tweedforum.org

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