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Dear Jim

02 May 2019

**Community Asset Transfer – Tain Quarry – Tain Rifle & Pistol Club Site**

I would be happy to support the application of Tain Rifle and Pistol Club for a transfer of title for the site at the old quarry up Tain Hill.

As you will be aware there are a huge number of buildings in Tain which were constructed using the materials excavated from this site. It would be good were quarried stone available from here to replace stone in existing town buildings. I hope your committee would be able to give a bit of thought to the potential for the site to be used for job creation and income generation as well as recreation, but that is a matter entirely for you.

Construction of the new school in Tain would be a great opportunity to use local stone to dress the new building. It would be good if we were able to retain a right to quarry and use stone for this one project. Clearly, we wouldn't want to disrupt your Rifle & Pistol Club operations in any way. Would you consider allowing us to retain permission to do this?

Subject to discussion on the above matter I'm very happy to support your application & will write to the Council officer involved in these matters, Pablo Mascarenhas to make my feelings known in your support.

Kind Regards

Cllr Derek W Louden

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**Jamie Stone MP**  
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross

31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019

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Our Ref: JS5231

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Tain Rifle & Pistol Club**

By this letter, I confirm that the Tain Rifle and Pistol Club is a well established local club that has run its affairs with meticulous care for many years.

The club seeks to improve their present facilities, and this could include the purchase of an area of adjacent ground which is at present in semi-public ownership. By this letter I also confirm that as the local Member of Parliament I fully support the club's proposal.

Yours faithfully

Jamie Stone MP









**1st St Duthus Scouts and Tain Explorers**

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1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

To whom it may concern

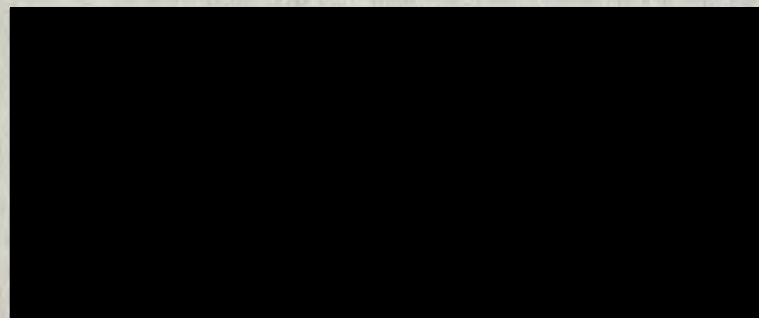
Tain Rifle Club is very supportive of our scout group, having offered our scouts and explorer scouts a range of activities over the years, giving our young people the opportunity to experience shooting activities. They have provided this free of charge through volunteers and allowing us to use their facilities and resources. The Rifle club has also given our young people a chance to learn about the older firearms they have collected and stored at their premises.

We are very grateful to the volunteers from the club for teaching our young people respect for firearms and what they are, which we feel is very important in today's society.

Our group would like to offer our support to the future of the rifle club and any plans they have for expanding the area they use for their activities, they have much to offer our community and never fail to deliver when asked.

We and our young people are very appreciative of all the rifle club does and hope they have a secure future.

Tom Robb  
Scout Leader





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08 January 2020

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir / Madam,

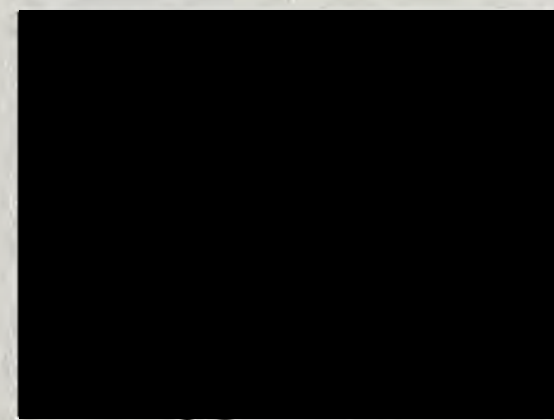
**Letter of Support for Tain Rifle & Pistol Club**

Halkirk Smallbore Rifle Club are an affiliated Rifle Club with both Scottish Target Shooting and the National Smallbore Rifle Association. Our members shoot in local, regional and national competitions both on an individual basis and in team events up to national level.

We shoot in many of the same competitions as Tain Rifle & Pistol Club with both clubs being long established within the Scottish Target Shooting community.

We wish to record our support for Tain Rifle & Pistol Club in their proposed purchase of the land that encompasses their facilities. Tain offer the standard prone rifle shooting facilities that are used by all Target Shooting Clubs but they are one of a small number (and the only one in the far North) that can also provide facilities for 3 positional Target Shooting and they make these facilities available to shooters from outside clubs. In order for any shooter in the far North to reach the highest levels in our sport they would need to undertake 3 positional shooting and should this facility be lost from the area then it could prove significant for any local shooters with these aspirations and also deprive any shooter of the opportunity to give 3P shooting a try. We wish Tain Rifle and Pistol Club every success with their proposed acquisition of this land.

Yours sincerely,



**Robert Campbell**  
**President**  
**Halkirk Smallbore Rifle Club**





Tain Rifle Club .

Highland youngsters with diabetes would be delighted to support Tain rifle club with the proposed buy out of the shooting club grounds area.

The group of kids and adults have been shooting at the range for 3 years now and it is the only time some of the folk actually get to try shooting discipline.

Living with type 1 diabetes is not very easy and can be fatal, some days it can be going well and then it goes wrong and the kids end up in hospital.

The safety associated with the shooting can be applied to living with type 1 diabetes. So I feel it is a good and worthwhile activity for the group to continue going on our annual shooting day.

I think we are the only type 1 family group in Scotland to have a shooting day.

Apart from health issues, shooting disciplines are very good to have in life in general.